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Bush threatens to send US forces into Serbia

President Bush, with forces already involved in Somalia and Iraq in the last days of his presidency, is threatening action in Serbia if the Balkan conflict spreads into Kosovo

BY JAMIE DETIMER AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

PRESIDENT Bush has threatened to take military action against Serbia if the Balkan conflict spreads to the province of Kosovo, where tensions have been rising between Serbs and the ethnic

Albanian majority.

His warning, in a letter to the Serbian president Slobo-dan Milosevic, is the first indication that American would be willing to become embroiled in a conflict in Serbia, and marks a sharp escalation in the war of words between Washington and

Beigrade. There have been growing fears that a European war engulfing the Nato allies Turkey and Greece as well as Albania and Bulgaria could break out if the Balkan conflict were to spread to Kosovo or Macedonia. Mr Bush's note, sent last week after consultations with Downing Street and the Foreign Office, was leaked as the first batch of UN peacekeepers arrived in Macedonia and both moves were tempts to contain the conflict.

The 33 Canadian military observers and soldiers who arrived in Macedonia yesterday were the first of an eventual UN force of 800 to be deployed along the northern border with Kosovo, which was formerly autonomous but is now part of Serbia. President Milosevic is an advocate of hardline tactics against the 1.7 million Albanians there and massive unrest is expected

if persecution continues. Mr Bush's letter warned Mr Milosevic "In the event of conflict in Kosovo caused by Serbian action, the United States will be prepared to employ military force against the Serbs in Kosovo and in Serbia proper." It did not, however, make clear what form intervention would take, and the Bush administration has frequently stated that it would not deploy ground

troops in the Balkans. Besides threatening action in Serbia, the note warned the Serbs that America was ready to take action if UN troops in Bosnia-Herzegovina were attacked in reprisal for any allied efforts to enforce the flight ban over the former Yugoslav republic. America is anxious for the UN Security Council to pass a resolution this week authorising enforcement of the ban, but the allies have still not agreed its terms. Britain and France fear for

UN troops in Bosnia while

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Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, and the peace mediators Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance want more time for a political settlement. Dr Boutros Ghali, who in-tends to visit Sarajevo on Thursday, yesterday continued his quest for peace in meetings with the presidents of Bosnia, Croatia and the rump Yugoslavia. He warned the Yugoslav leader Dobrica Cosic of the dangers of international intervention in Bosnia and appealed to him to use his influence with the Serbs to

halt the bloodshed. Franjo Tudiman of Croatia also predicted that the conflict could spread into an international war with the risk of Islamic nations going to the aid of the Bosnian Muslims while the Serbs were seeking help from Russian volunteers. He called for a political solution "at any cost", adding: There is a real danger that this war might spill over and assume undesirable scale which could threaten global

The Geneva peace initiative now rests on a planned meeting on Sunday between the political and military leaders of the three warring factions. If the talks go ahead, it would be the first meeting between President Izethernyic of Bosnia and the Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic since the start of the conflict.

Dr Karadzic yesterday wrote to John Major "to cool the temperature over the issue of 'no-fly zones", offering to allow UN monitors to accomparry any emergency flight over Bosnia to verify it was not on a combat mission. The UN would have unrestricted access and no flight would depart without a monitor on board. "We are not engaged in any aerial combat missions," he wrote. "The flights we are operating are used for hu-

manitarian purposes only." Dr Karadzic also said he was willing to accept an unlimited number of UN monitors to be deployed across all territory under Serb control to secure land corridors for the relief effort.

Muslims mass troops, page 6



Shooting party: the Prince of Wales enjoying a pheasant shoot at Sandringham yesterday. The party was joined for lunch by his sons, Prince William and Prince Harry, who are expected to be return to their mother in London today

US president to see in Somalia's bright 1993

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

Somalia on New Year's eve, where he will meet US troops and visit feeding centres for the country's starving. Marine spokesman Colonel Fred Peck said in Mogadishu yesterday.

The announcement came as American and Canadian soldiers seized Belet Huen, the final target of their campaign to make Somalia secure for food shipments. At the same time, Mogadishu celebrated as two warlords promised to reunite the city. Muhammad Farrah Aidid and Ali Mahdi Muhammad, the leaders who control the divided capital, met at a public gathering for the first time in more than a

country on December 9.

By the end of the week, 800

Canadians will be in Belet

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2-00; USA 43-00 year and announced that their war was over. About 200 members of the 2nd Battalion of the 87th Infantry Regiment and 40 Canadian soldiers entered Belet Huen unopposed, as troops did in seven other cries secured by the US-led force since it began arriving in the

PRESIDENT Bush is to visit Huen, which is 200 miles north of the capital near the Ethiopian border, and the Americans will be withdrawn for other tasks.

With the ports and airports at Mogadishu and Kismayu secured and large amounts of food beginning to pour into the country, the coalition plans to establish distribution centres in the six interior towns. Supplies will be moved out into surrounding villages and the countryside. But trucks capable of making the trips have been difficult to find.

Mr Bush is scheduled to arrive in Mogadishu just after midday on Thursday, go to the US embassy and then visit a relief site 12 miles away. He will spend the night aboard the USS Tripoli then fly to the bush town of Baidoa, to visit an orphanage, and to Bali Dogle for a field ration lunch

with his troops. He will return to Mogadishu on Friday to meet relief workers before going to Saudi Arabia to meet King Fahd.

Queuing up for summer

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

BRIGHT supshine and two days of aggressive advertising combined to produce a rush for holiday bookings yesterday. Many travel agents were reporting sales 50 per cent up

on last year.

Lumn Poly said that the rush started at around 10.30 although queues had already formed outside their York shop by 8.30. Only the South Coast towns were quiet. Pickfords said that they were having "a very exciting time" with sales to Florida, Greece, Spain and ski resorts already 50 per cent up. Thomas Cook said that their shops were much busier and Airtours predicted that the rush would

so on throughout January. Some companies were running out of seats on aircraft bound for ski resorts as deep snow guaranteed the best European conditions for years. In Scotland the ski season got off to one of its best starts with car parks nacked in the Caimporns.

Police demand better protection for WPCs

By NICHOLAS WATT

THE Police Federation yester-day called for better protection for female officers as a policewoman fought for her life in hospital WPC Lesley Harrison, 29, whose heart was punctured in a stabbing attack on Sunday night, was said to be in a very serious condition

after emergency surgery.

She was stabbed three times in Liverpool after being called to a burglary in the Portman Road area. Operators in the police control room heard her screams when her colleague raised the alarm by radio.

Mike Bennett, chairman of the Metropolitan branch of the Police Federation, said: "In the modern age female officers are in the forefront of fighting crime and it is silly to give them smaller truncheons. just so they will fit in their handbags." Truncheons issued to men are 14 inches long, while women are issued

nine inch batons. Mr Bennett also criticised the Home Office. "We need a much longer baton but Home Office bureaucrats, who have

world, will not even allow us to test the batons. We were looking at a 21-inch baton with a side handle that had excellent defensive qualities But the Home Office were nervous about it after the Rodney King beating in Los

WPC Harrison was allegedly attacked by a man wielding a screwdriver. Afterwards he ran off and tried to catch a taxi from the scene but the driver

The driver, who was identified only as Terry, said: "He then tried to drag me out of the front of the taxi and two police officers ran up and tried to grapple with him. He put the taxi into gear and pulled off but as he did I jumped into the back unknown to him. He ended up in a cul-de-sac and that's when I ran after him."

Two other police officers chased the man and arrested hun after a scuffle. Police were last night waiting to interview a man aged 28 who was treated for hand injuries.

Stores pack in wall-to-wall customers as sales set record

By Louise Hidalgo, Ronald Faux and Ray Clancy

BARGAIN hunters jammed shops up and down the country yesterday, sending sales soaring to record levels after

two years of recession. The long Christmas break, combined with drastic price cutting, drew tens of thou-sands of customers to the stores in a nationwide shopping spree. In further good news for the economy, Halifax Building Society, the largest mortgage lender, predicted that the housing market would begin to recover in the spring and that up to 165,000 more properties would be sold next year. The Halifax expects the recovery to be led from the north. Prices in the north are 15 per cent below the national average compared with 35 per cent at the height of the

In an upbeat end-of-year review of the housing market, the society says: "We believe that the recovery in the economy as a whole could be stronger than expected."

The optimistic forecast coincided with the mood of shoppers who brought traffic jams to town centres from Leeds to Bristol, while crowds thronged London's West End, where the pre-Christmas shopping rush had been blunted by the threat of more IRA bomb

in Bristol, city-centre car parks were full by 9am, bringing traffic in the rest of the city to a standstill. On the Mi. motorists faced long delays as six-mile tailbacks dogged the approaches to Sheffield and Leeds. In Sheffield, the Meadowhall shopping centre registered a record 150,000 visitors, and in Manchester more than 1,000 people were waiting outside Kendal's store in Deansgate at 8.30 am for the doors to open.

The city has gone absolutely crazy," a store manager said. Marks & Spencer in Belfast reported "wall-to-wall customers", while by midday Bond Street centre in Leeds was receiving more than 10,000 visitors an hour.

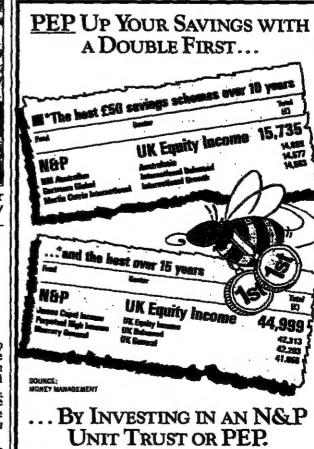
In London's Oxford Street traffic had ground to a halt and the stores were heaving with people by 10am. "It's the busiest start to the sales we have seen for some time," Tim Daniels, managing director of Selfridges and chairman of the Oxford Street Traders Association, said. "I have not seen crowds like this in the electrical department for

Clothing, electrical goods and household wares, particularly bed linen and crockery. were the items most people had come to buy, retailers reported. Washing machines, leather sofas and other furnishings were also in strong

In true winter sale tradition, one family are Christmas dinner on the pavement outside a Ponsmouth department store to ensure first refusal on an £800 three-piece suite reduced to £50. Arthur Snow, 29 and unemployed from Southend, had queued since 4pm on Christmas day to buy his girl friend an oriental rug, reduced from £560 to £10.

Retailers, though whelmed by the tide of shop ping enthusiasm which was sweeping the country, remained only cautiously optimistic about what it might berald for the new year. Jeff Johnson, general manager of Kendals, said he thought many shoppers were spending now only because they had saved up to take advantage of the sales. "But whether this means the recession has ended depends on the Chancellor."

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NEWS IN BRIEF Children 'put at risk

Four adult walkers who took three children onto the Glencoe mountains have been criticised by a police chief. One child quickly tired on Monday's expedition to climb the 2,800ft Beinn Mhic Chasgaig in Glen Etive and was taken back by two adults. A rescue team found the rest of the party in serious difficulty at the bottom of the snowline at 2,000ft five hours later. Harvey Sussock, 51, a company director, his sister-in-law Cornelia Guebler, 38, Alistair Sussock, 7, and Sarah Guebler, 6, all from Glasgow, were rescued unhurt by

in mountain hike'

an RAF helicopter. Chief Insp John MacFadzean of Lochaber said: "Had it not been for the response of the rescue team, the consequences could have been disastrous." He said the 1 pm starting time was too late for a climb which, even under normal conditions, would have been too arduous for the children, who were dressed in anoraks and rubber-soled boots. The adults were not carrying a torch or bivouac gear and had not left notice of their route. "We could have had a major problem on our hands and even loss of life." He said the case showed that people were ignoring repeated warnings about the dangers of mountains in winter.

Spiro suicide evidence

of Ian Spiro, the former British spy, in the southern California desert in November, indicate that he committed suicide, according to a San Diego newspaper. Mr Spiro had died from cyanide poisoning and his wife and three children were found shot dead at the family home outside San Diego. Police have remained sceptical of reports that Mr Spiro had been killed because of his alleged links with hostage negotiations. The report in yesterday's Union Tribune says the tapes disclose that he was in an "unstable" frame of mind, muttering about financial difficulties, and indicate that he committed suicide after killing his family.

Rushdie visit warning

France could damage its relations with Iran by inviting Salman Rushdie to visit, the official IRNA news agency said yesterday. France has said it would welcome and protect Rushdie, who was sentenced to death for allegedly slandering Islam in The Satanic Verses. The French move could only "strain political and economic relations", the news agency said, noting that the volume of trade between Iran and France totalled \$3.5 billion (£2.3 million) last year, making France one of Tehran's largest trading partners.

Two shot in nightclub

Two men were wounded when a gumman opened fire with a shotgun in a crowded nightchub. One was hit in the knee and the other in the arm and side. The gumman escaped, despite being pursued by customers at the Mayflower club in Bradford, West Yorkshire. The injured men were detained in Bradford Royal Infirmary, where their condition last night was described as comfortable. Detectives believe that the attack early on Sunday, by a man in his 20s or 30s, may be linked to drugs or prostitution.

More pets abandoned

Against the national trend, the number of unwanted pets taken in by Battersea Dogs' Home in south London is the lowest for a decade. Josephine Henderson, the manager, said that fewer than 13,000 dogs had been brought in during 1992, 1,500 below the 1991 figure. But the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said that nationally more unwanted animals were being abandoned than ever before, mainly because people could not afford to neuter their animals.

Blow to transplant boy

The home of Stuart Masters, three, who needs a life-saving liver and bowel transplant in America, has been wrecked by vandals. Supplies from a medical cupboard, including special food, were tipped over the floor at the house in Shoeburyness, Essex, and vital intravenous feeding equipment smashed. His cot mattress was slashed, toys were cut up or sprayed with paint and taps left running. Shelley Masters, 24. his mother, said: "We have lost everything and will have to start again in new accommodation."



Wave of discontent: harbours at Lossiemouth, above, and Peterhead were blocked yesterday by fisher-men protesting against the Sea Fish Conservation Bill, which they expect to impose severe restrictions in 1993 (Ray Clancy writes). The south

harbour at Peterhead, Grampian, Europe's largest white-fish port, was blocked by boats carrying banners saying "Save our fishing fieet" and spelling out their grievers. ances. Banners at Lossiemouth criticised John Major. Under the

bill, which received royal assent just expect to be ordered to keep their boats tied up in port for up to 190 days a year. They say it is unfair because the restrictions will not apply to French and Spanish boats

want to show the government that we are not going take this lying down. We are not going to sit in the harbour while the French and Spanish can fish as much as they want. That is discrimination,"

said At Lossiemouth, where further protests are planned this week, skipper Dennis Slater said: "We want to show the strength of feeling against the persecution of the be

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Smith to toughen his 'softly softly' image over union block vote

BY SHEILA GUNN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Smith is to speed up modernisation of the Labour party to rebut criticism of his "softly softly" style of leader-ship, but he has refused to be stampeded into quick fixes to win short-term support.
The Labour leader will

make clear in the new year that he has no intention of backtracking on the pledge, made during July's party lead-ership campaign, to loosen the trade unions grip on power

within the party.
Unions hold 87.2 per cent
of the conference votes, with a reduction to 70 per cent already agreed for next autumn's annual gathering.

He has remained silent during the party's review of the unions' voting rights, but Mr Smith is expected to emphasise the importance of diluting union influence while keeping Labour's traditional "sentimental" links with organised labour. The review will report to the national executive next month.

After leaks of its interim report indicated that the

A more forthright Labour leader will emerge in the new year, committed to speeding up modernisation of the party

unions should keep a strong influence, the party's modernisers feared Mr Smith's silence indicated he was wavering in his commit-ment to reform. However, advisers insist he believes the spectre of one union delegate at conference holding up a card representing one million votes gives the Tories a power-

The review is expected to present a list of options rather than an agenda for change. The list will include the more radical reforms advocated by Mr Smith of exempting the unions from the selection of parliamentary candidates and party leader, and phasing out the unions' block vote at party conferences. It will also list more modest proposals such as different categories of mem-bership and voters, and voting rights in the selection process.

Senior party sources predict Mr Smith will bring forward the decision on whether the party should back electoral reform to prevent the issue overshadowing the run-up to the next election.

He is sensitive to accusations within the party of a lacklustre six months as lead-er, but Mr Smith is determined not to be saddled with detailed policy commitments until he is within sight of the

next general election. instead, adopting a more forthright tone, he will attempt to confound critics by

citing his priorities for 1993 as modernising the party machine and espousing his basic beliefs in a series of philosophical speeches. He will try to project Labour as a party which cares, about the high achievers as well as the under-

His advisers believe that in spelling out exactly what he stands for, Mr Smith can exploit complaints about the lack of direction and vision of John Major's government

New committees are beginning work on policies for the economy. Europe and the constitution. The commission on social justice, chaired by Sir Gordon Borrie, will start to take evidence in January and the Plant commission on electoral reform will complete its work later in the year.

Lord Plant's recommendations are likely to be handed to the national executive in February with early indications that he will recommend a modest move to a proportional representation system of voting for elections to

John Smith is sceptical about PR, but he is likely to approve placing the report on next autumn's conference agenda. He is said to worry that agonising on voting re-form too near a general election will lay the party open to Tory gibes that Labour believes it cannot win an overall majority under the present

Research aims to cut testing on animals

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

A BIG reduction in the use of So far the French team has animals for testing drugs will be possible if research in progress at the University of Glasgow succeeds. Dr Paul Skett of the pharmacology department is developing methods of using human liver cells in culture instead of

animals to test drugs.

With colleagues in France and Belgium, he has been awarded a £400,000 EC contract for the next stage of the work, which involves preserving liver cells indefinitely by freezing. They have already developed a method for keeping liver cells alive in culture, a problem that had earlier defeated researchers. "The trouble is that the cells tend to forget their origins and become undifferentiated when grown in culture," Dr Skett says. "We have solved that

growth medium." Now the team wants to make better use of donated organs by freezing the cells, using a technique developed at the French National Institute for Medical Research. This involves a form of "antifreeze" to prevent ice forming in the cells and killing them.

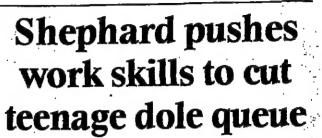
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made it work with monkey liver cells. The next stage will be human liver cells.

"An individual liver can provide billions of cells, enough for tens of thousands of experiments," Dr Skett says. "We can't use them all at once but if we can freeze them in small quantities we can use them as required." Ultimately, a European liver bank

might be established. The liver, as the organ through which drugs are cleared from the body, is vital in drug testing. Using human liver cell cultures will be cheaper and more reliable than whole-animal experiments. They aim to get the method approved by the European regulatory bodies as an alternative to animal testing. "It is a very cautious procedure and is likely to take minimum of 15 years." Dr

He is confident it will result in a dramatic reduction in animals needed for drug testing. Using unfrozen cells has led to a 90 per cent reduction in the use of animals in Dr Skett's laboratories in the



Decline is myth, says Lamont

Lamont recession is hiding healthy trends

BY OUR POLITICAL

NORMAN Lamont Chancellor of the Exchequer, makes a bullish defence of Britain's manufacturing industry today, insisting that some people are too quick to run the country down. In a foreword to a Conservative research paper, he argues that its figures disprove "selfdenigrating myths' about a decline in Britain's produc-

tion power. The study says that manufacturing exports rose by 66 per cent between 1981 and 1991, more than in the other six big economies, and that imports of manufactured goods rose by less than in the other countries.

Britain gained far more inward investment than other EC countries, the study says, and manufacturing output grew by 30 per cent between 1982 and 1990.

Mr Lamont says: "The re-cession has hidden these positive trends from view. A period of reduced demand creates a tough climate for manufacturers in Britain and abroad. But key measures and international comstrongly British manufacturing has performed over the last decade and how well placed it is to take advantage of an upturn in the world

economy."
Gordon Brown, shadow chancellor, said Mr Lamont had "learned nothing from his failures of 1992". ☐ The Performance of British Manufacturing (Conservative Central Office, 32 Smith Square, London SW1, £12.50)

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent MOVES to improve the job

prospects of young people are being planned by Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, as the government braces itself for unemployment to top three million and go on rising next year.

Mrs Shephard hopes to bridge the gap between school

and work by promoting the status of vocational qualifications and attempting to break down prejudices which imply that they are inferior to aca-demic achievements.

Her aim is to ensure that when Britain emerges from the recession it has a workforce with the necessary skills to take advantage of the available opportunities

At a strategy meeting involving ministers and senior officials last week. Mrs Shephard stressed the vital importance of action to follow up the employment-boosting measures of the Autumn Statement and special help for the 16-19 age group. Unemployment among young people is 24 per cent.

In an interview with The Times, the employment secretary said there had to be a "determined onslaught" to make sure that the Chancellor's measures to encourage capital investment, boost the housing market and increase the amount of export guarantee funds for industry succeeded. All government departments and agencies would be involved in pressing the mea-sures forward "because all of

them mean jobs". She said the measures were already having some effect, particularly in the car industry with Rover increasing produc-tion and Toyota starting up:

Measures to help the young acquire practical skills by rationalising the system of vocational qualifications are her priority. In collaboration with the Confederation of British Industry, the National Council for Vocational Qualifications and the govern-ment's network of training and enterprise councils, Mrs Shephard aims to make the system of national vocational qualifications (NVQs) understandable to the public. She wants the qualifications to be

talked about by parents in the way they discuss GCSEs and

"I have always felt that as a country we have done much to boost academic achievement and help academically gifted children. We have been less: clear in our objectives over how we get the best out of the

Many economists have spoken of Britain facing a "skills gap" when the recovery be-gins, with insufficient young people having been trained for the new demands of industry. Mrs Shephard wants children who may not be suited to Alevel study to have the widest possible "menu" of vocational

"One does not want to make change for change's sake, but in an increasingly competitive world we should try to ensure that everyone has the right training and education for

them."
Under the system children can start building up "credits" towards a vocational qualification while at a school and then continue the course at college. Mrs Shephard said it was wasteful of resources and of teachers' time for pupils who were clearly not cut out for academic careers to spend two years doing A levels that they were doorned to fail when they could be working on vocational courses that would serve them at the age of 18 or 19.

With unemployment standing at 2.9 million, Mrs Shephard was notably cautious about predicting a fall. Most independent forecasts expect it to go on rising next year because it is a lagging indicator, and the government is doing nothing to counter such expectations.

"One thing seems likely: when the recovery does happen we should see a fairly rapid improvement in the employment situation." Mrs Shephard said.

Senior ministers accept they will be vulnerable to criticism over the jobless total for some months. Lord Prior, the former employment secretary. said last week that it was "unacceptably high".

Shops boom, page i

More than 25% of employers intend to shed staff next year

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

EMPLOYERS are preparing for another round of job cuts in the new year, with more than a quarter planning to axe workers, according to a survey by Manpower, the staff agency. The heaviest losses are expected in local government, where more than a third of authorities expect to shed staff. Service-sector employers, especially banks, are also looking

for further big staff cuts. The surge of job losses, initially concentrated in the South East, is extending nationwide with employers in the North and Scotland warning that they intend to shed increasing numbers of staff. This bleak outlook is disclosed in Manpower's

quarterly survey of the recruit-ment plans of nearly 2,000 employers. The company, which has conducted the survey for more than 20 years, claims a good record of predicting the trend in the government's monthly unemployment figures.

During November, figures from the employment department showed an increase of 41,100 in the number of people claiming unemploy-ment benefit, taking the total number of jobless in the UK to 2.9 million. According to Manpower, the increase in the rate at which people are losing their jobs is likely to continue. Overall, 26 per cent of the employers surveyed had plans

to cut staff during the first quarter of 1993. Ten per cent would take on staff. The sharpest decline in

prospects has occurred in the public sector, where 27 per cent of employers are forecasting job losses compared with

16 per cent this time last year. Job losses are expected in every region of the country. Even in Scotland, which entered recession much later than most of the country, 14. per cent more employers expect to shed staff than to

Gordon Brown, the shadow. chancellor, said forecasts from trade associations suggested that 300,000 jobs were series in the first six months of 1993.



rard pushe and realised that his daughter was missing.

"We had not had an argument the night she left." he said. "We just thought she had gone out to meet friends. Normally she would be back. skills to cu terrible foggy night and we assumed she had gone to a friend's house or to Ryan's."

Two days earlier Johanna had split up with Mr Firman. t dole que

Parents of murdered girl believe she knew killer

By Angela Mackay

THE parents of Johanna speak to Mr Firman soon, Young, the 14-year-old girl adding that he and his wife had approved of him. describfound dead on Saturday in a water-filled pit, said yesterday ing him as "a well-mannered that they believed that their daughter knew her murderer. boy". He also said that neither he nor his wife had realised that Johanna had split up The couple appealed for witesses to come forward. until Christmas eve.

Robert Young. Johanna's father, who described her as "a Mr Young said that after he realised his daughter was very sensible girl", said that he missing, he searched her bedhad warned his daughter room and discovered that she about strangers and that he had packed all her Christmas was certain she would not have gone off with just cards in a box, along with the Christmas decorations, a move that he considered At a press conference at

eve. Mr Young went to a newsagent's shop from which

Johanna did a paper round and realised that his daughter

around 10 o'clock, but it was a

17, a meat factory butcher. He

has been interviewed and

released by police. Johanna's father said that he hoped to

Dereham police station in Norfolk Mr and Mrs Young Carol Young, Johanna's mother, broke down in tears as she gave a warning to other parents. "For God's sake, make sure you know where your daughters are going. I wish to hell I had done that." said that they thought that Johanna was staying at the home of her boy friend, Ryan Firman, or with another friend when she did not come home last Wednesday.

The next day, Christmas

Johanna's half-naked body was found in a water-filled gravel pit at the end of a lover's lane in Watton, Norfolk, on Saturday night, three days after she went missing.

She had been sexually as-saulted and had died from drowning rather than from the severe head injuries she had suffered.

Police have not been able to specify the time of death because of the freezing water temperature but hope that detailed scientific tests will determine the exact time.

Det Supt Michael Cole of Norfolk CID, who is leading the investigation, agreed with Johanna's parents that she probably knew her murderer but said that he could not rule out the possibility that she had been abducted by a sex

Mr Cole said that her killer may have had local knowledge to have used the lane to the gravel pit, a mile from Johanna's home.

The police have discounted an apparent sighting of Johanna in a fish-and-chip shop in Norwich, 14 miles away, the day after she disappeared. Three people whom the police said they wished to interview came forward after



Frequent victim: WPC Lesley Harrison, who has spent months off work recovering from earlier attacks

Knifing is policewoman's fourth injury

By NICHOLAS WATT

THE policewoman stabbed as she confronted a man in Liverpool on Sunday night had spent months off work recovering from three earlier injuries. After the third incident, WPC Lesley Harrison, 29, who joined the force five years ago, said: "Some officers go through their whole service without a single inju-ry. I am just unlucky."

Supt Graham Barker, who is leading the investigation into the attack, spoke of "the Lesley and her colleagues in in the Portman Road area of 27, said: "She has been hurt

dealing with this incident." In December last year, WPC Harrison needed five weeks off work when she was beaten up by a teenager close to Sunday's attack. Before that she dislocated a shoulder while chasing a burglar, which forced her to spend five months off work, and in 1990

she was hit on the head by a

brick in Toxteth.
In the latest incident, her heart was punctured in a stabbing attack after she was the city. Her attacker hijacked a taxi but was arrested half a mile away. The taxi driver had sneaked into the back and chased the man when he abandoned the car.

The policewoman's older brother, Dave Harrison, said yesterday after visiting her at Royal Liverpool University Hospital, where she is in intensive care "Lesley always wanted to be in uniform. She loves the job and the people

before but that didn't bother her. Lesley saw being attacked as part and parcel of the job." The family would not pressure her to leave the

Assistant Chief Constable Paul Acres said: "This is a sad and stark reminder of the dangers our officers face every day on the streets of Britain. Lesley was seriously injured in 1991 and she knew the dangers but she was not

Federation's call, page 1 | mote," he added.

New craft divides lifeboat

By Julia Liewellyn Smith

volunteers

LIFEBOATMEN leapt to the defence of their boats yester-day after a crew on Humberside voted to stop manning its station if its 30-year-old allweather boat is replaced by a

The crew at Flamborough Head, Humberside, says that lives will be at risk if the Atlantic 21/22 inshore inflat-

But David McKenna, of the lifeboat station at Staithes, North Yorkshire, which has used Atlantic 21s for 13 years, said: "Initially, there was a feeling that the inflatable could not perform as well as the previous boat, simply because no one likes change. However, there has not been a service that an Atlantic has not been able to carry out. It has performed in gusts of up to 65mph. We are really delight-

According to Captain Alan Woodcock of Flamborough. the Atlantic 21s are unsuitable for the kind of work carried out by his station as well as for the tidal conditions and hazardous rocks in the area.

The Atlantic 21s cannot be launched in winds over force seven and the Flamborough crew, which is credited with saving more than 43 lives, is concerned that if the nearby stations at Bridlington and Filey are busy, there will be no boats available in rough

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution says that At-lantic 21s, which have been in use for 20 years, are faster and easier to launch than the allweather craft and will provide a complementary service to two nearby stations, which will retain the old boats.

Edward Wake-Walker of the RNLI said that the plans were not intended to cut costs. "We believe we will improve the cover for the Bridlington area, because the new boats are very quick to react and to launch and can be manoeuvred in very shallow water. The inflatable boats are capable of 30 knots, while the allweather craft can only do 17.

"Gales over force seven are very unusual. The chances of Flamborough being unable to launch and the other two

THE TIMES ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

TO SEE in the new year. The Times on Friday looks ahead to events, changes and anniversaries for 1993 and charts the successes in the arts in 1992.

As the single European market begins and the barriers come down, how will these affect our lives? What will new-look independent television have in store from breakfast time on



After a hair-raising 1992 Norman Lamont talks confidently to Peter Riddell and Anatole Kaletsky about the year ahead. David Miller, chief sports correspondent, also does some crystal-bail gazing for 1993.

What do Henry James and the Economist have in common? John Clare and Louis XVI? Look in the 1992 anniversary guide.

The Arts pages look back too: which film



pushed Hook into second place in 1992? At Dillons which nonfiction book outsold Sex: The Book, by Madonna? Was Coronation Street the most watched TV programme? Read The Times on January 1

Police chiefs call summit in the shadow of redundancy

By STEWART TENDLER AND RICHARD FORD

will hold a two-day debate about the radical changes to be proposed by the Home Office in a white paper on the

to avoid strangers

future of policing.
The officers will gather in Warwickshire next month to consider tactics for dealing with proposals that could lead to redundancies, possibly including amalgamation of smaller forces and the introduction of central funding. Reducing the number of

forces in England and Wales, currently 43, and the creation of larger merged forces has won support from Home Office staff and some senior police officers. Earlier this month Sir Peter Imbert, the outgoing commissioner of the Metropolitan police, told a Commons select committee that small county forces were not suited to the demands of modern policing.

His successor, Paul Condon, chief constable of Kent. has been more circumspect. insisting that it is of greater importance for police powers to be devolved to local stations that would be able to respond more flexibly to the needs of a

particular area. "There is no magic formula saying there should be ten police forces," he said this

month, Mr Condon takes over

SALES of anything from

soups to packet noodles may

soon rise dramatically because of a new high-

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Just when parents were

learning to share their child-

ren with Super Mario, Sonic

The Hedgehog and other

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In Japan, the toy has

become the best-selling playground game. In 18

months, it has outstripped

Nintendo's Game Boy and

Sega by selling over a mil-

powered by barcodes.

hit the market.

BRITAIN'S top police officers the Metropolitan force next

The Association of Chief Police Officers, which repre-sents the 250 most senior officers in England and Wales, has already begun research into the subject of reducing the number of forces. It is also studying whether resources such as computers could be shared by forces.

One suggestion earlier this year was for the creation of forces that matched the boundaries of Crown Prosecution Service areas, which are to be cut from 31 to 13 in October. Such a big reduction would meet strong opposition from police authorities and councillors concerned at the



loss of the essentially local nature of policing. That argument could be countered if individual stations and officers were given more power to manage resources and act on

local needs. Other options to be considered by the government include introduction of central funding for police forces, replacing the present system under which costs are met by the Home Office and local

That change would over-come the problem of linking funding to the number of uniformed officers recruited, which discourages chief constables from employing cheaper civilian staff to carry out certain duties.

authorities.

Police forces would each receive an annual budget from Whitehall, but there is concern that this might not provide the flexibility needed to deal with extensive investigations such as the Yorkshire Ripper enqui-ry. The budgets could be tied to measurements of performance being set by the Audit Commission for local government. The white paper, expected to be published within the next six months, could also lead to

changes in police officers'

retirement age, pensions and

the disciplinary code.

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a spokesman for Tomy, the

company that is to launch

the toy next month, said.

Barcodes have become the equivalent of conkers.

the company claims. Child-ren use their champion

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Court, west London, is ex-

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at £30 to £40.

tions for champion codes. The toy, to be launched at Toy Fair 1993, at Earls

Condon: no magic

Barcode toy boosts grocery bill

BY NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

boost their "attacking, de-

fending or life-force power"

by passing barcodes over a

The company makes spe-

cial codes for games such as

CB-Rocket or Wizard-3.

However, Japanese children

have found that they can

also power the toy by using barcodes on supermarket

goods. Store managers brace themselves for waves

of parents clearing shelves of previously low-selling goods at the behest of

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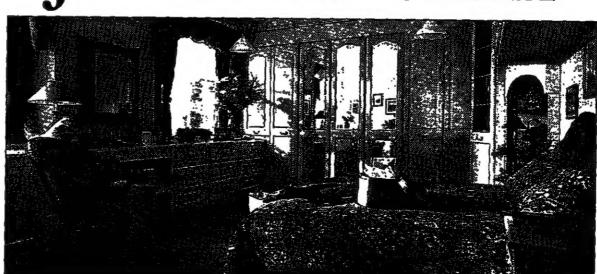
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RAF could replace its trusted Hercules with Russian aircraft

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

THE Royal Air Force could be operating a fleet of up to 100 Russian and Ukrainian built aircraft by the end of the century under plans now being considered by the defence ministry.

As Western manufacturers cut back on new projects and staff because of the recession. former members of the Eastern block are stepping up their efforts to break into the commercial and military equipment markets.

A shortage of new and effective Western maritime patrol and transport aircraft has centred attention on the Russian Beriev Be-42 as a potential replacement for the 30 Nimrods now in service with the RAF and on the Antonov An-70T as a successor to the 60 tried and trusted

Hercules transports. Initial scepticism within the defence ministry has been replaced by a growing belief that aircraft from the Commonwealth of Independent States could fulfil the RAF's requirements well into the next century. Not only would they be cheaper than Western competitors, but they could pave the way for British com-

panies such as British Aerospace. GEC-Marconi and Rolls-Royce to win big "offset" contracts as the CIS modernises its military equipment

Hundreds of Russian salesmen opened their campaign to win over the RAF during the Farnborough air show last September. They were so suc-cessful that the ministry is almost certain to invite manufacturers of the two new aircraft to put in formal tenders early in the new year.

Officials are still concerned that the supply of spares and essential equipment may be interrupted in the event of hostilities and are trying to work out ways of guaranteeing that British companies will have control of all the supply channels.

One possibility is that the RAF buys the airframe but that Rolls-Royce or another Western manufacturer builds and fits the engines, electronics and navigation equipment as well as produces spare parts under licence.

"It is an interesting possibility and one which we are exploring," said a ministry

The Mermaid: Russia's Beriev Be-42 can take off from and land on water

The Be-12, known as the Mermaid, can land on and take off from water, enabling it to act as a fast and efficient rescue craft capable of carrying up to 54 survivors from an accident at sea. Its main role, however, is as a long-range patrol aircraft able to stay aloft for many hours while scanning the sea with radar. laying mines or hunting submarines.

The competitors include the Lockheed P-3 Orion and the French-made Dassault

A prototype An-70T is being built in Kiev. Powered by four revolutionary "propfan" engines, it will be capable of carrying up to 66.135lb either as cargo or as Few Western aircraft can

match its versatility and only a development of the C-130 Hercules, the McDonnell Douglas C-17 and Euroflag, a European joint project still on the drawing board, are likely contenders to replace the exist ing Hercules fleet from 1996. The ministry has already shown interest in buying the Kamov Ka-50 Hokum attack



Land Rover leads world with US order

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

A NEW British all-action military vehicle designed for spe-cial forces operations behind enemy lines has so impressed the US army that an order has been placed for 48 of them. Britain's special forces units have not yet shown an interest.

The new vehicle, built by Land Rover in Solihull, West Midlands, has been designed to carry a range of weapons that includes Stinger missiles. 81mm mortars, 40mm grenade pistols and 7.62mm

heavy machineguns. The special operations vehicle (SOV) has been ordered for the US Rangers and is the successor to the firm's dune buggy light strike vehicle, called the Pink Panther, which was used by the SAS behind Iraqi lines in the Gulf war.

Land Rover won the contract against fierce competition from American and German firms. Like the Pink Panther, the SOV has been designed to make its six-man crew self-sufficient for long periods, with survival packs and a fuel tank capacity to travel 450 miles.

The US Rangers chose the Land Rover because it is light enough to be carried by Chinook helicopter as well as in a C-130 Hercules transport aircraft. It can also be dropped by parachute. Military sources said it was ideal for rapid reaction and special forces

Based on Land Rover's Defender 110, the SOV's 3.5 litre V8 petrol injection or 2.5 litre turbo-charged diesel engine gives it a top speed of 100mph

However, one of the principal selling points for the US army was its weapons capability. The position for the main gunner at the rear can take a 30mm cannon, a 40mm grenade launcher or a 0.5mm machinegun.

Fittings at the side can take Stinger anti-aircraft missiles and mortars. There is also storage on the bonnet for ammunition, stun grenades

and mines. The vehicle is not armour plated to protect the crew, but it has been designed for quick evasion and travel by stealth. The front grille incorporates infra-red lighting, and naviga-tional and communications equipment is fitted between the driver and the front

Land Rover's success with the American sale follows the Ministry of Defence announcement that Land Rover has won a contract to supply Defenders for trial as the next generation of British armed forces' light and medium fourwheel drive trucks.

The Defender was the only vehicle to be selected for trial after more than 20 companies worldwide entered bids. The defence ministry is in the market for 6,500 vehicles over five years starting in 1994 and Land Rover is hopeful of winning the order.

Car thief talked into submission

A woman talked a thief into returning her car when she dialled the mobile phone inside. Janet Smith left the Ford Sierra parked with the engine running while she dashed in to collect her niece Dawn Morgan, who had gone into labour on Christmas day.

While Mrs Morgan's husband tried to start their broken-down car, her aunt dialled the mobile phone. Mrs Smith, 52, a sales representative from Hereford, said: "He told me that he'd had a very hard life and had been let down a lot. I told him that stealing my car wouldn't solve anything and he agreed to stop and park the car. He even wished me a

merry Christmas."
Police recovered the undamaged new car in Gloucester-shire. Mrs Morgan, who was eventually driven to hospital by her husband, gave birth to

Murder charge

David Mangan, 25 and unemployed, was charged with the murder of a hotelier on the Isle of Wight. John Sava. 43, was stabbed three times at the Metropole Hotel, Ventnor, on Boxing day. Mr Mangan, of Shankhin, was remanded in custody by magistrates until next Monday. There was no application for bail.

Fire deaths

An eight-year-old boy died in a fire at his home in Clapham, south London. His parents and brother are in hospital recovering from burns and smoke inhalation. A woman died after a blaze in Shoreditch, east London. Three other people were rescued.

Poachers at bay

Marines have volunteered to help to protect 600 red deer in the Quantock Hills from poachers. Police and the Forestry Commission are also guarding what is one of Britain's last wild berds.

Prison suicide

A man found dead in a cell at Bullingdon prison, Oxfordshire, is believed to have strangled himself. David Pratley, 28, of Banbury, was awaiting trial on charges of arson and criminal damage.

Customs patrols spread the net to catch drug barons

By Ian Murray

THE opening of the European Community's internal frontiers has forced the pace for radical change in the way Customs and Excise tracks down drug smugglers, por-nography dealers and gun

As an island, Britain has always mounted its main defences against contraband at ports and airports. Almost 80 per cent of all narcotics seized by the authorities are found at frontiers and 62 per cent is brought in from or through another EC country. Dover customs is alone responsible for half of the drug seizures.

Britain has fought off EC attempts to make it abandon all border checks. Instead of the old "rugby scrum" of officers waiting to stare at all arrivals, there will be what is termed "light touch surveil-lance". This means that an officer watches all arrivals discreetly and can stop and search any suspect individual or vehicle behind a screen.

Over the past couple of years, the British service has been increasingly extending its intelligence contacts and operations worldwide in readiness for the new EC regime. Regular links with drug enforcement agencies in Europe, South and North America and the Far East have been established to exchange details about smuggling routes and

In addition, freight carriers, coach companies and other

international operators are finding it in their interest to tip off the authorities about any suspicions. "The more they help us, the less delay there is to them," one officer said. More customs officers are also going undercover.

Some passengers or vehicles stopped by the new system will be those who fit one of the "profiles" of likely smugglers that have been drawn up by the service over years of experience and are now on computer. Details of these profiles are

a closely kept secret. Suspected carriers are in-.. creasingly being allowed un-challenged into the country and followed to their delivery point. "That way we catch the whole gang instead of just a driver, who usually knows very little about the drug ring," a senior officer said.

Good intelligence means that individual ships or flights will be selected for a comprehensive search. Groups of officers are being turned into what are called Fast (Flexible Anti Smugging Teams), who will be ready at a moment's notice to swoop on a port or sirport.

For the average traveller, however, the end of customs formalities mean an end to worrying about whether it is worth trying to smuggle in that extra bottle of brandy. The red lane will disappear and it will be legal to bring in as much alcohol and tobacco as a car or coach could legally carry. The only restriction is that each traveller must personally use everything he brings in

As a rough guide the EC has approved "indicative levels" of what one person can reasonably be expected to consume. These levels ought to be sufficient for the thirstiest. Each nassenger is allowed ten litres of spirits, 20 litres of port or sherry-like drinks, 90 litres of wine, including 60 litres of champagne, plus a further 110 hires of beer. Anyone able to convince the authorities that he or she can personally use more can bring it in. Anyone who tries to sell alcohol will be liable for criminal prosecution. Teams will be touring the country to check on this kind of infringement.

Customs is hopeful that the new regime will be at least as effective as the old. "We feel we have got a better use of our resources to go after criminals than using men trying to stop one granny with an extra half bottle of brandy," one officer

Police look to Caribbean link

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT banks or insurance com-

BRITISH diplomats and American federal officials are discussing plans to set tives in Florida to investi-gate the use of Caribbean Crown dependencies by white collar criminals.

The small team, which would include a fraud expert, could concentrate on areas including money laundering for drug cartels, off-Americans, fraudulent

panies and other criminal operations based on the offshore financial communities in the five dependencies. Miami offers the best communications links for the Caribbean and the FBI has a large field office in

The Americans have been seeking action because of fears that the Turks and Caicos Islands, Anguilla, Montserrat, the Cayman Is-

lands and the British Virgin Islands could become halfway houses for money laundering by South American thug cartels. There is also anxiety about the use of the islands as a base to operate multi-million dollar frauds in the United States.

There is no link yet between the Americans and any of the five colonies. A British unit would help liaison with the police forces in



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CFC phase-out endangers thousands of businesses

The speeding up of measures to tackle global warming could leave traders out in the cold on Britain's high streets

BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

HUNDREDS of thousands of high street shops and businesses may face severe difficulties over the next two years because of the accelerated phase-out of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), the chemicals that have been destroying the Earth's protective ozone layer.

New supplies of CFCs, hith-

erto essential for refrigeration and for some forms of dry cleaning, will be cut by 85 per cent thoughout the European Community in the next 12 months, and will have disappeared completely by the end of 1994, in an international timetable that has been speeded up twice in the last five weeks, and has largely passed unnoticed by businesses.

Existing CFC stocks can still be used after the phase-out date, so the 30 million domestic refrigerators in Britain can continue for the rest of their natural lives. But new supplies will disappear, mainly affecting commercial refrigeration servicing. From now on pubs, clubs and hotels, supermarkets and off-licences, butchers, fishmongers and grocers may find that the chemicals necessary to service their present CFC-based refrigeration systems are suddenly no longer available as demand rapidly

outstrips supply.

Breakdowns in fridges, display cabinets and cold stores may be irreparable. To continue, operators will have to buy new non-CFC systems, which will not only be expensive but may not be quickly obtainable because of the demand. Refrigeration industry leaders fear that businesses may founder.

More than 250,000 pubs and other catering outlets will be affected, with over 150,000 small shops and nearly 6,000 supermarkets, yet only the large supermarket chains realise the scale of the difficulty and are making plans to deal with it, according to Richard Alger, president of the British Refrigeration Association. "Smaller retailers seem to be blind to an enormous problem which is now right on their

Mr Alger is calling for a national campaign of CFC-recycling and leakage prevention to conserve stocks and prevent escape of the ozone-damaging chemicals into the atmosphere pending the gradual introduction of ozone-benign substitutes such as

benign substitutes such as HFC 134a, developed by ICI. Nearly threequarters of the CFCs supplied annually to the British market, more than 4.000 tonnes, goes to replacing leaks. Twenty per cent of all the CFCs in British commercial refrigeration systems leak every year.

Dry cleaning, in which CFCs are widely used as solvents, will also be affected by the phase-out. Although large chains such as Sketchley can cope with the multi-million pound expense, hundreds of small independent firms may face bankruptcy because of the £30,000 to £40,000 cost of buying new CFC-free machines. Other sectors of industry once dependent on CFCs, such as aerosol manufacturing, foam blowing and electronics cleaning have already found substitute chemicals or systems.



Timid beauty: despite its return to the cleaned-up river Torridge in Devon, visitors are unlikely to catch a glimpse of the elusive otter

Otters flourish in Tarka's old haunt

By ROBIN YOUNG

THE river that was the setting for the best-selling book Tarka the Otter has been declared safe for otters once more.

The animals have repopu-

The animals have repopulated 80 per cent of the catchment area of the river Torridge in north Devon, including some places where they have not been seen for many years, according to the Tarka Project, which includes Devon County Council, four district councils and several wildlife conservation groups.

wildlife conservation groups.

There had been fears that pesticides and pollution might eliminate otters from the Torridge as they have done from most of the country. North Devon is the sleek and shy animal's last stronghold in England. Populations survive in other parts of the West Country, in Northumberland and in Scotland and Wales, but only about 15,000 otters are believed to be left in Britain.

Henry Williamson wrote

Tarka in 1927 and the book has run to some 40 editions since without going out of print. Otters are believed to have survived in Tarka country because of the number of hideaways provided by the river valleys, despite the fact that the local human population has almost trebled since Williamson's time.

Ten years ago, the South West Water Authority admitted that stretches of the Torridge were heavily polluted. It was described by local conservationists as "dead and septie". Drought and pollution scares have threatened the otters with sudden extermination on several occasions since.

Despite an intensive antipollution campaign in which
the water authority co-operated with the National Farmers'
Union and the Country Landowners' Association to visit
more than 1,000 local farms
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was claimed earlier this year that a seventh of the Torridge area's ofters were so poisoned with chemicals that they were

incapable of breeding.

A recent assessment by the Tarka Project has declared the Torridge's otter population healthy and thriving. Steve Crummay, project officer, said

that signs of other population, such as droppings and riverbank mudsides, had been found in a number of sites, and even sightings of the animals had increased

animals had increased.

The otters' improved prospects are being welcomed in the area, which calls itself Tarka Country and has a

Rail service between Exeter and Barnstaple). It is doubtful, however, if visitors would ever glimpse one of the elusive animals in the wild as they are so timid.

180-mile Tarka trail and a

Tarka railway line (the British

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The way it isn't



Next Year In Full

Part II

March 2: Michael Winner
films The Tales of Beatrix
Potter. "It follows Beatrix
Potter's vision to the letter," he says, announcing
Charles Bronson as an
angry Jemima Puddleduck, hellbent on revenge.
March 12: Lord Tebbit
calls for closer party unity
on Europe, "and that includes all those lily-livered
idiots who have been
fooled by Maastricht".
March 15: After further
cuts and delays, the British Library finds a new
home, a converted two-car
garage in Ealing. "More
intimate surroundings
with scaled-down choice
for greater selectivity will
greatly aid the general
reader," explains the heritage secretary, Peter
Brooke.

March 19: Sinead O'Connor scandalises the rock world by appearing live on stage, singing a selection of songs and departing with a bow and a "Thank war".

March 24: Tina Brown is appointed as Worldwide Mother Superior of the enclosed order of Ursuline nuns. "I have a strong respect for the Ursuline tradition and I don't plan to change it." she says, "but in this day and age it's ridiculous that so few of them are going to discos, buying the latest videos and generally letting their hair down."

April 9: The Archbishop of

April 9: The Archbishop of Canterbury calls for greater Christian understanding towards the Devil. "Let's spare a thought for poor old Satan," he says. He may not be such a bad bloke — after all, I've heard be's a keen Arsenal supporter. Pass the ukelele, there's a lad."

April 15: Gerald Ratner

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April 15: Gerald Ratner gains a new job as the manager of a fish farm. "It's total carp." he explains.

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Muslims mass troops to break Sarajevo siege

By Our Foreign Staff

BOSNIAN Muslims are massing troops and weapons outside Sarajevo for a "major offensive" aimed at breaking the Serb siege of the city, Fred Eckhard, the spokesman for the international peace conference in Geneva, said vesternay

In Sarajevo, which is nearing nine months under siege and enduring a lack of running water, electric power, telephones and adequate food, there were indications that government forces were fighting back with increasing success against the rebel Serbs. A British spokesman in Vitez said intelligence sources in central Bosnia spoke of a push by the Muslims and Croats in the past two weeks which had forced the Serbs back by up to

Mr Eckhard said that the UN protection force in Yugo-slavia has been reporting a "significant build-up in gov-

A THIN layer of snow blanketed Sarajevo yesterday as a UN official said that

elderly people in the city

were dying because of the lack of fuel for heating. The

official said that children

would be the next group to

The temperature yester-

day morning was -7C - up four degrees from Sunday

morning. In a city without

heating and with few win-

dows left, there is little

difference between tempera-

tures inside many buildings

and those outside. Sarajevo's

overworked gravediggers are

having difficulty because the

The city's trees have been

decimated by Sarajevans looking for fuel to keep them

alive. Once verdant parks are

now full of tree stumps.

Abandoned and shelled

buildings are being picked

over by women, children and

elderly men scavenging for

firewood. In the city, enough

ground is frozen.

Bosnia's government is trying to regain lost land before Saturday's peace conference in Geneva. The UN fears that more heavy fighting will cancel any progress made

ernment personnel and arms on the Igman mountains surrounding Sarajevo. The concern is that there may be a major offensive in preparation by the Bosnian government to try to regain lost territory, or possibly even to try to liberate Sarajevo."

He was speaking during meetings between representatives of the Bosnian factions and other leaders from the former Yugoslavia with Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance, the conference co-chairmen, and Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general.

On Saturday, Bosnia's three

On Saturday, Bosnia's three factional leaders — Muslim President laetbegovic, Mate Boban for the Croats, and Radovan Karadjic for the

City's icy shroud envelops

first elderly, then young

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

wood to heat one room for a

month costs about £75, sev-

en or eight times an average

monthly salary.

Magdelena Mitasevska,

34, a biochemist, lives 100

yards from a front line near

Hero's Square, newly renamed in honour of all those

killed protecting the community from Serbs on the

hill to the south. Like all

Sarajevans now, she has no

electricity and no water. Her

candles were used up long

ago. Ms Mitasevska was

lucky enough to be able to

afford a small wood stove

made out of thin aluminium.

But her salary is not even enough to buy bread each day, and wood is out of the question. "We break up our

own furniture and we use

elderly people a day have been dying of hypothermia

for the past four days in an

old people's home. The home

is just on the Serbian side of

On another front line two

that," she said.

Bosnian Serbs — are due to have their first meeting in Geneva. The aim of the peace conference is to find a negotiated settlement to the war and not a military solution. Mr Eckhard said, "The importance of keeping hostilities down, to help create a constructive atmosphere for Saturday's meeting, cannot be over-emphasised."

The Geneva meetings of the past few days had given the peace talks a fresh impetus. Mr Eckhard said. "What has been going on here has been fairly extensive as far as laying groundwork for a political settlement. Now it is hoped that in the next few weeks the parties will have a chance to do something on the basis of the

the front line to the west of

Sarajevo and its remaining

114 Serb, Muslim and Croat

residents live in below freez-

ing temperatures.

Fifty of the residents are totally bed-ridden. Thirty-

five people have died in the

home in the last two months.

but in recent days, as tem-

peratures have dropped, the

rate of deaths has increased.

what we will begin to see in

many areas of Sarajevo,"

said Peter Kessier, a spokes-

man from the United Na-

tions High Commissioner

Shell and sniper fire.

though relatively light in

recent weeks, still claims

Sarajevans. On Monday

morning 50 family and

friends gathered at what was

once a football field to add

four more wooden grave

markers - there is no more

stone - to the sea of markers

spreading across Sarajevo's

for Refugees.

This is just an example of

groundwork that is there for an agreement, seize it, run

Snow fell round the central Bosnian town of Vitez yesterday, raising fears that the onset of winter could hinder the flow of aid to refugees in the region. It was the first time this winter that snow had stayed on the ground, but except on high or exposed ground it was only two inches deep. There were no immediate reports of difficulties in bringing relief convoys into the area, which has so far enjoyed unseasonably mild weather.

The first UN military forces

to be deployed in Macedonia arrived in the former Yugoslav republic yesterday. The 33 Canadian troops, led by Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Gepurt, are the first of 150 Canadians who will be on guard in Macedonia until a full mixed Scandinavian battalion is deployed there in mid-February. The troops were from a Canadian banalion previously intended to be deployed in Banja Luka, the Serb headquarters town in northern Bosnia. After weeks of fruitless negotiation, the UN last week abandoned its efforts to go there.

The UN troops were invited in by Kiro Gligorov, the Macedonian president, in ease the tension in other parts of the former Balkan federation spills over into his republic. Macedonia has remained peaceful but it fears being drawn in if violence breaks out between Serbs and ethnic Albanians in neighbouring Kosovo. Albania, another neighbour to the west, has pledged it would send forces to help the Albanians, and Macedonia would be its likely mute. United Nations civil affairs personnel and one military observer, all un-

□ Rome: Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the Vatican secretary of state, said in an interview published yesterday that legitimate defence "to disarm the aggressor" in Bosnia now appeared to be necessary. Cardinal Sodano, who ranks second to the Pope in the hierarchy of the Vatican, hinted that the Holy See would support action to stop the violence. (Reuter)

armed have been in Macedo-

nia since December 15.

Bush warns Serbs, page I



Winter watch: Ranger Andy Rainnie, of Ballymena, on guard at the British base in snow-covered Vitez



US and Russia strive to reach nuclear deal

FROM JAMIE DETIMER IN WASHINGTON AND JOHN PARRY IN GENEVA

NEGOTIATIONS in Geneva between America and Russia on a treaty to reduce their long-range missile stocks hit a last-minute snag yesterday and continued into an unex-

pecied second day.

President Bush would like his last days in office to be marked by an arms summit with President Yeltsin, and in recent days he has told the Russian leader that his administration is prepared to be flexible in relation to objections raised by Russia's generals over the second Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (Start II). Last night American officials insisted that the text of the treaty would be finalised today by Lawrence Eagleburger, the US Secretary of State, and Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian foreign minister. The two men were last night discussing final details over dinner.

After the morning session of talks, Mr Kozyrev had said: "I'm ready to bet a bottle of whisky that our talks this morning laid the foundation for an agreement which our presidents can sign within the next few weeks." But unexplained snags apparently arose in the afternoon session: a press conference was called off, and the two men decided to dine together to try to put the talks back on the track.

According to State Department officials, the sides are close to a final text on a treaty that would lead to the abolition of the most destabilising class of nuclear weapons land-based intercontinental missiles equipped with multi-ple warheads. Start I, which was finalised last year, provided for the reduction of the nuclear arsenals of America and the former Soviet Union by 30 per cent. The Start II negotiations envisage a further 70 per cent cut. If the talks succeed. Mr Bush could meet Mr Yeltsin next week in the Black Sea resort of Sochi to sign the treaty.

The differences between the arms negotiators have been in three main areas. Initially, the Bush administration wanted all silos housing Russia's heavy SS-18 missiles to be destroyed, as well as the missiles themselves. The Russian

military has insisted that they carnot afford to destroy the silos, which, they say, will be useful to store other weapons. The Russian military have also pressed for an agreement whereby the mobile SS-19 missiles, which are armed with six warheads, can be saved by converting them into single-warhead weapons.

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The Americans want to save the B-1 and B-52 bombers, which currently carry nuclear weapons, and convert them for conventional use. Mr Eagleburger indicated at the weekend that the Bush administration was no longer insisting on the destruction of all SS-18 missile silos and that it would also be prepared to allow a certain number of SS-19s to be converted to single-warhead missiles.

warhead missies.

America and the former Soviet Union have about 10,000 strategic nuclear weapons each. Under Start I that total drops to 8,600 for the America and 6,500 for the former Soviet states of Russia, Belorussia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan. Under the proposed Start II, the total is further reduced to 3,500 for America and 3,000 for Russia. The new treaty would also stipulate that all former Soviet missiles would have to be deployed in Russia alone.

"President Bush is trying to leave a legacy of some positive accomplishments," said Stan Norris, a strategic arms control academic. "This [treaty] would be a capstone to his foreign accomplishments."

foreign accomplishments."

Mr Yetsin is also keen to refurbish his image at home and abroad. He is eager to have the treaty signed before Mr Bush leaves office, aware that the incoming Clinton administration would be in no position to conclude a big arms negotiation quickly.

Moscow. Russia plans to sell 88 lb of plutonium-238 to America in the first deal of its kind, Georgi Kaurov, an official of the nuclear energy

America in the first deal of its kind, Georgi Kaurov, an official of the nuclear energy ministry, said yesterday. Mr Kaurov said America would use the plutonium to see if radioactive materials could be used to generate electricity in space. The isotope is used in nuclear power plants. (Reuter)

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Czech divorce hits snag on alimony

FROM GERARD DAVIES IN PRAGUE

THE final divorce settlement of Czechoslovakia is running into last-minute difficulties over alimony. The two republics are officially to end their 74-year marriage on Friday.

A number of laws have been

A number of laws have been passed but questions remain over the division of property, finance and citizenship. A commission has been set up to deal with the problems expected after January 1, but they are unlikely to result in any amendments to last month's law, which automatically dissolves all federal institutions at midnight on Thursday.

Vaciav Klaus, the Czech prime minister, cancelled appointments in Prague yesterday to extend his stay in Bratislava, where he had been holding talks with Vladimir Meciar, his Slovak counterpart, and the chairmen of the federal and the two national parliaments. Last night they were all trying to play down

the difficulties.

Both sides are keen to conclude proceedings as soon as possible, to start with a clean slate from the new year. Agreements have been reached on defence and many aspects of the economy, as well as employment and transfer of social security. The national anthem has been split, and the Slovaks have grudgingly agreed to let the Czechs keep the former federal flag. A customs union has been signed and four new Czech customs houses are being built on the Slovak-Moravian border, where many villagers will need their passports to go shopping, visit public houses and churches, and catch the

bus or train.

A number of issues look unlikely to be resolved in time. Dividing the assets of the state bank is not proving easy. Responsibility for debts to Libya, Cuba and Egypt has also to be ascertained.

During a televised debate on Sunday, both prime ministers put on a brave face, toasting the future and pledging to make bilateral relations their foreign policy priority. Mr Klaus said that the new diplomatic missions in Bratislava and Prague would be given the status of ministries. Unemployment in Slovakia



stands at 12 per cent and — with its dependence on out-moded heavy industry—looks set to rise significantly. Mr Mediar, who has denied slowing down the process of economic change, said that Slovakia would pull out of the controversial privatisation voucher scheme.

About 300.000 Slovaks are married to Czechs and, given the fears many have about life in independent Slovakia, all are likely to seek Czech citizenship. Slovakia has agreed to dual citizenship but the Czechs will set a limit and are insisting that applicants must first give up Slovak nationality.

Differences of opinion also remain over the future of 7.5 tonnes of gold which Slovakia handed over to the federation after the war. Mr Klaus wants Slovaks to buy it back, and some Jews claim it was stolen from them anyway.

from them anyway.

The law on division of federal property was passed last month, laying down ownership according to the territory on which a building stands. Financial compensation has sail to be agreed.

Klaus: putting a brave

Bundestag to question Mollemann

Bonn: A German parliamentary commission is to study allegations that Jürgen Möllemann, the economy minister, has misused his influence to further private interests, a spokesman for the lower house of parliament said.

The economic commission of the Bundestag will hold an extraordinary meeting at the beginning of January, the spokesman said. The opposition Social Democrat party has called for the meeting to be held on January 4, which would require the minister to cut short a holiday in the Dominican Republic by two days. (AFP)

Border clash

Moscow: Russian border troops killed six Afghans and took one prisoner after 20 armed Afghans tried to force their way across the border into Tajikistan, a military spokesman said here. It was not clear which side opened fire first. (Reuter)

Burger record

Warsaw: A McDonald's hamburger restaurant in Katowice achieved record sales for the group on the day it opened by sering 35,000 customers, the company announced. It said this was more than the daily sales figures in either Moscow or Peking. (AFP)

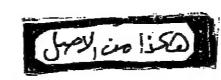
Plea fails

Assen. Holland: A Dutch court threw out an appeal by the Nazi collaborator Jacob Luitjens, who was deported from Canada last month, ruling that he must serve a 1948 sentence of life imprisonment. Luitjens, 73, was jalled in November, (Reuter)

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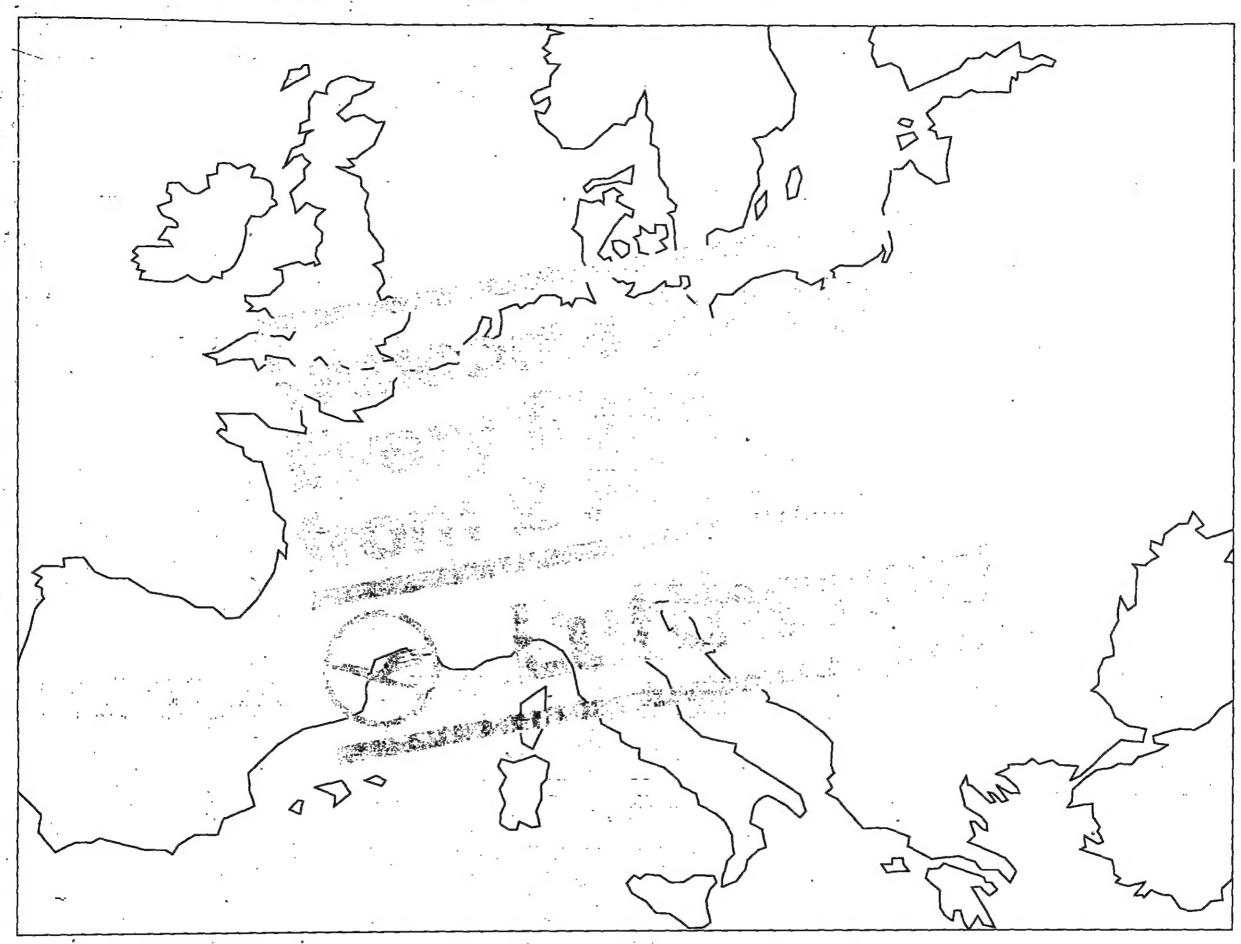
Oslo: An astrophysics student aged 39 who lives in a cave near Oslo University has been ordered by a court to wash and dress properly before entering the campus to take his exams. He had been barred from exams because of his body odour. (Reuter)



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Rally signals end of Somali fighting as warlords embrace

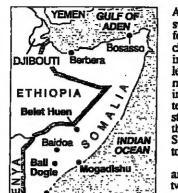
As barriers are lifted and 10,000 people in Mogadishu rejoice, national reconstruction is the men of war's proclaimed objective

By Samir Douaihy of Agence France-Presse in mogadishu and Our Foreign Staff

THE leaders of Mogadishu's two warring factions em-braced before 10,000 of their jubilant countrymen yesterday and proclaimed an end to Somalia's two-year civil war.

As General Ali Mahdi Muhammad and General Mu-hammad Farrah Aidid, the capital's rival warlords, united in a peace move, thousands waving branches celebrated the dismanding of the "green line" war boundary dividing the battered city. "It's the happiest day of my life," Abdel Nour Said, 27, said. "We have had enough lessons from the civil war," another resident said as the two leaders, smiling broadly, shook hands to the crowd's applause. Boys scrambled into trees for a better view and chanting women in gaudy headscarves urged the sides to unite. "We don't want any more guns or fighting," one smiling partici-pant shouted.

The two leaders, the heads of rival wings of the United Somali Congress, demonstrat-



public rally called to express their commitment to the American-brokered peace accord reached at the weekend. Shortly before the rally, the US Marines had shot dead a Somali in a clash near the

Thousands of Somalis had massed outside the parliament building where General Aidid arrived first, followed a few minutes later by General Ali

As the general helped his once sworn enemy onto the plat-form, the crowd went wild, clapping, dancing and sing-ing for joy. Hand in hand, the leaders called for unity in a nation that had descended into bloody anarchy, leaving tens of thousands dead from starvation and disease since the overthrow of Mohamed Siad Barre, the former dicta-tor, in January 1991.

In separate speeches built around a single theme, the two leaders pronounced an end to their conflict and spoke of reconstruction and rebirth. There were moving scenes as inhabitants who had been separated during the strife found each other again for the

first time.

All the physical barriers which had kept certain districts and key access roads inaccessible since fighting engulfed Mogadishu in November 1991, were coming down. journalist at the scene said the green line, a free-fire zone that had divided the city between

Newfound allies: Ali Mahdi Muhammad, right, and Muhammad Farah Aidid, rival Somali warlords, join hands at a Mogadishu unity rally

the north, controlled by General Ali Mahdi's men, and the south, by General Aidid's partisans, was now passable without military escort.

Mecca Avenue, which had been closed since the conflict reached the capital and had come to symbolise the gulf between the two camps, was reopened to traffic. Demon-strators who were making their way to the rally had been able to use it.

In the virtual absence of mass communication in Mogadishu, a peace march along the green line was judged the most effective way of informing the population of the weekend accord and of the two leaders' willingness to work for its implementation. As the demonstration got under way, American marines - members of a United Nationsmandated international force to restore order - were patrolling the streets of north Mogadishu for the first time since

they landed on December 9. Lieutenant Colonel Steve Ritter, for the marines, said the new patrols would be out day and night searching for beavy weapons belonging to renegade bands not aligned with either of the two main factions. An American source operations bases would be set up in north Mogadishu. In the incident at the air-

port, a marine guard shot dead a Somali gunman as he fled with a camera stolen from a British television crew. The crew from the cable network Visnews was accosted outside the airport by two gunmen.
One held a pistol to the head
of Jimi Matthews, the cameraman, while another took the camera. One was killed as he fled, but the other managed to escape. Leon Malherbe, a soundman, was cut in the elbow by shrapnel. Mr Malherbe and Mr Matthews were

shot at, but not hurt, three

days ago as they drove from the airport into town. The next day Mr Malherbe was cut by a child with a razor at the port entrance.

American and French troops have killed at least five Somalis in clashes since the task force began arriving in Mogadishu. The past few days have seen a spate of attacks at the airport and harbour, both heavily secured by the task

In north-central Somalia, 400 American and Canadian troops landed yesterday in the bush town of Belet Huen, securing the final link in the humanitarian network to feed

the country's starving. Belef Huen was the last of eight towns within Somalia's famine belt to be targeted for joint military force support.

Chief Warrant Officer Eric Carlson said the troops began landing in transport helicopters shortly after dawn and encountered no resistance. He said helicopter flights bring-ing aid workers and food shipments would land to set up a distribution grid. Colonel Ritter said the strength of the American-led force in Somalia and on board ships offshore last night was 23,000, with a target of 28,000 by the first





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Moi: human rights record under fire

Election victory scented by Moi

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

FIGHTING between paramilitary police and opposition supporters erupted in the town of Nakuru in Kenya's Rift Valley yesterday, leaving at least 100 injured, as tension in-creased before polling today in the country's first free elections in 26 years. Raila Odinga, a candidate of the Forum for the Restoration of Democracy-Kenya. (Ford-Kenya), said 500 people had been

arrested. Foreign observers and The Weekly Review, an influential journal, say President Moi is likely to win. The maga-zine predicted that he would win a third of the votes against 24 per cent for his closest rival, Mwai Kibaki, of the Democratic party. It also said Mr Moi would win at least 25 per cent support in six out of Kenya's eight provinces. He needs to take at least five provinces. Mr Moi's Kenyan Afri-

can National Union (Kanu) became the only legal party in 1982, and he is accused of presiding over a worsening human rights record and corruption. It is believed that had the opposition parties put up a single candidate, Mr Moi would have been defeated outright. Kenneth Matiba is expected by the journal to win 21 per cent support with his Ford-Asili party, and Jaramogi Oginga Odinga of Ford-Kenya to take 20 per cent. Thus opponents of Mr Moi would take 65 per cent. If no candidate gains 25 per cent in five provinces, the candidates with the most votes will go into a run-off, which the opposition could well win. With results coming in

against a background of tribal conflict and opposition claims of electoral malpractice, the coming week is expected to be marked by violence. Brit-ish and other foreign nationals have been advised by their embassies to stock up on food and stay home.

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Goldstone urges role for foreign police

police observers at selected police stations in Natal and in the black homeland of KwaZulu was made yesterday by the Goldstone commission

(Michael Hamlyn writes). According to the third interim report of the commission, which, under Mr Justice Richard Goldstone, is enquiring into violence and intimidation, the presence of the observers would lessen fears of unfair treatment. There are a number of international police officers in the country, including those attached to the Goldstone commission under Commander Tom Laidlaw of Scotland Yard. A number of other policemen form the maiority of the corps of observers sent by the European Commission.

Bomb hurts 20

Lima: Maoist guerrillas detonated a car bomb outside the Japanese embassy, injuring 20 people. It was the latest in a series of embassy attacks by the rebeis, whose defeat President Fujimori has made a top priority. (AP)

Troops leave

Johannesburg: The Angolan opposition movement Unita says it has withdrawn its troops from two towns in the north that it had occupied since November. The move comes in the wake of peace talks last weekend. (Reuter)

Death sentence

Algiers: Abdelwahad Benchenouf, a former comrade of Algeria's first president, Abmed Ben Bella, was sentenced to death for "attacking state security" and possessing chemical weapons with which to poison reservoirs. He was arrested in 1989. (Reuter)

Fallen heroes

Taipei: Three Chinese defectors, feted as heroes when they fled to Taiwan in the 1980s, were sentenced to death for kidnapping and murdering a local businessman. The three were apparently desperate for money after losing badly on an investment (Reuter)

Miners laid off

Peking: China will sack some 30,000 coalminers next year in one of the first publicised mass lay-offs in its campaign for faster economic reform, the official China Daily reported. The move is aimed at restor-ing profitability. (Reuter)

Going flat out

Manila: A group of Filipino cultists, saying they were aching on God's command, created huge traffic jams here by deflating vehicles tyres during the evening rush hour as motorists stopped at traffic lights. (Reuter)

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Kurds and Shias fear they will be target of Saddam's wrath

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less food in the markets than

in the mainly Sunni areas of

central Iraq.

A canal project to drain the



Saddam: Kurds say UN played into his hands

Andrew Finkel in istanbul and Michael Theodoulou in nicosia

THE "no-fly" zone imposed over north and south Iraq has brought little relief to President Saddam Hussein's victims. In the north, Kurdish leaders say he has intensified a war of attrition to force his way back into their haven. In the south, Shia Muslims say artillery bombardments, mass arrests and house demolitions continue to make their lives miserable.

Some Shias are concerned that the shooting down of an Iraqi MiG south of the 32nd parallel on Sunday could increase the Iraqi leader's wrath towards them. "He is too weak to retaliate against America, but he'll take it out on us," said Walid Muham-

North of the 36th parallel, Kurds say that Baghdad is tightening a military and economic blockade designed to persuade them that their hardships are too a high a price to pay for quasi-

After the no-fly zone was introduced on August 27, Saddam changed tactics and used armour, artillery, and infanty to maintain control over the area south of the 32nd parallel, home to most of Iraq's Shias, who comprise

southern marshes, which 55 per cent of the population.
Dr Muhammad said: "The ban at least ended the attacks begin at the confluence of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, has made the area more accessible to Iraqi armour and robbed many Shia rebels and refugees of a hiding by helicopter gunships, but since then the Shias have been under constant artillery shelling. Saddam's Republiplace. This month Iraq inau-

can Guards and plainclothes gurated the "Saddam river", security men have arrested which it said was a "welfare thousands and killed hunartery that will renew the life of our people", by draining dreds. They re also demolishing houses. The situation is the marshes and providing irrigation. The 350-mile waworst in the cities - Basra, terway connects Baghdad Baghdad has curbed sup-plies to the south. While this is with Basra, making the previously impenetrable southern not as severe as the embargo area accessible to armoured

> Despite Iraqi offensives, the Iranian-based opposition groups claim the Shia rebels are well organised and morivated. Travellers from Iraq dispute this. "The opposition in the south has been mostly crushed in the last two months. There are isolated bands of fighters cut off from each other with poor communications and co-ordina-

tion," one Iraqi exile said. In the north, Kurdish suf-

been sharpened by interference with relief supplies. Saboteurs have bombed 23 lorries laden with aid, and the UN has defused other devices planted, they suspect, while convoys have been using highways controlled by Baghdad. This caused the UN to cease further relief operations until Iraq undertook to guar-

antee their safety. Iraqi troops are massing along the border with the Kurdish north and are being reinforced with heavy artillery, according to a spokes-man for the Kurdistan Democratic Party. The aim appears less to launch an attack than to undermine further the Kurds' attempts at self-government. To many Iraqi Kurds, the UN has played straight into Saddam's hands. They are bitter over the memorandum of understanding signed by Jan Eliasson, the Swedish negotiator on the UN's behalf, which, they say, makes the delivery of desperately needed food and fuel dependent on Baghdad's good will.

Life remains hard for the people of northern Iraq, who are enduring their second winter under embargo from the south. Teachers and civil servants earn less than the 6dinar bus fare it costs them to from lack of fuel and expensive food, however, are the half million people in places like Kirkuk which remain under Baghdad's control. The Kurdish parliament in Erbil is unlikely to convince the allies to extend the exclusion zone to the 34th parallel,

which would enable these

internal refugees to go home. A recent Kurdish delegation to Britain requested that the allies ensure safer passage for aid arriving from Turkey, by creating an air corridor to three existing runways or by

securing the land route.
Shortage of fuel remains the worst problem. Entire forests around what were mountain resorts have been cut down for firewood. Baghdad was contracted by the UN to supply paraffin, but some of the tankers sent contained water, if gone undetected this would have contaminated the entire underground store of

In one bit of seasonal cheer, the Turkish parliament voted on Christmas eve to extend the military operation which gives Iraqi Kurds their protec-

Pentagon says Iraqis were putting US air cover to test

Baghdad's action in the skies came when America diverted an aircraft carrier to Somalia. Now it is sailing once more to meet the challenge arising in the Gulf

> FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

Goldston THE Iraqi MiG fighter shot down by an American war-plane on Sunday may have er of All Battles radio station in the Gulf war, when threats were not matched by action. been probing American air defences over sommen an attempt by Baghdad to test
American resolve, the Pentadefences over southern Iraq in

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gon said yesterday.

Bush administration officials are doubtful that the downed Iraqi jet strayed into the "no-fly" zone because of a navigational error. They argue that as two sorties of two MiGs each violated the aerial flight ban in quick succession, the only conclusion they can draw is that Baghdad was intent on mounting a concert-

ed challenge. Baghdad last night intensified its condemnation of the shooting down of its fighter and accused the Americans of blatant aggression". The official Iraqi army daily, al-Qadassiyah, denounced the incident as a "flagrant provocation" by American forces policing the no-fly zone, which was imposed last August by the Western powers to shield Shia rebeis from attacks by Saddam. The paper boasted that "Iraq no longer fears anyone" and issued a warning: "The aggressors would

pay a heavy price."
Military analysts said Iraq was virtually incapable of posing a threat to American, British and French warplanes. Iraci exiles dismissed Baghdad's defiance as rhetoric of the kind relayed by the Moth-

According to the Pentagon, the MiG, which was flying 20 miles south of the 32nd parallel, the no-fly zone's boundary, failed to heed radio warnings from two American F16s sent to intercept it, and then turned in such a way as to indicate hostile intent. One American air-to-air missile was fired. An accompanying Iraqi jet es-

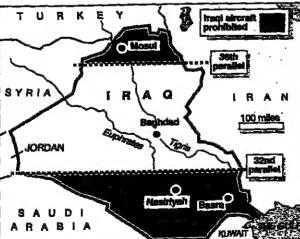
Irag's violation of the air exchasion zone came only days after the Pentagon diverted the aircraft carrier USS Kitt Hawk to take up position off the Somali coast. Last night the Pentagon confirmed that the carrier was on its way back to the Gulf to provide warplanes to mount combat air patrols. The Flos that intercepted the Iraqi jets on Sun-day were land-based aircraft stationed in Saudi Arabia.

On Sunday night President Bush, who is in Texas on a hunting holiday, said: "I have heard that it might be some test of our will near the end of my presidency. But those F16s sent the message to him [Saddam] pretty clearly."

Peking: China last night said Iraq's territory should be respected. It did not want the

Gulf situation inflamed by the shooting down of the Iraqi plane. (Reuter)

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Frozen out: a Palestinian deportee removing the snow from his tent in the no man's land between Israeli and Lebanese controlled territory

ians in their makeshift camo

at Mari az-Zahour later in the

week. However, it seems un-

likely, at this stage, that the UN envoy's mission will suc-

ceed in breaking the deadlock.

For the first time since the

men were expelled in retalia-

tion for a series of attacks on

Israeli soldiers and police,

Israeli forces said they again

came under fire from Palestin-

ian gunmen in the Gaza Strip

Some Palestinians deported by mistake, Israel admits

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAELI authorities yesterday began the embarrassing task of reviewing the files of 415 expelled Palestinians after security sources confirmed that at least seven and up to ten of the suspected Hamas supporters were deported to southern Lebanon by mistake.

The Association for Civil Rights in Israel said that among those whose deportation orders could be reversed was Bassam Salim al-Sayuri, 16, from the West Bank town of Hebron, who was detained and expelled for nothing more dangerous than writing "nationalist slogans" on a wall.

The mistakes apparently occurred because of poor coordination between military and intelligence officers, who rushed through the deportation order on December 17 because of fears that the action, roundly condemned by the international community. might be halted by the su-preme court. Those who thought the move was critical. and that it must be done quickly to make sure that it would not reach the supreme court or other review, decided to operate under pressure and, as a result, mistakes occurred." said Reuven Hazak, a former head of the intelligence service

Shin Bet. The disclosures added weight to calls by the leadership in the occupied territories



for those expelled to be returned immediately. Ten Paiestinian leaders told James Jonah, the visiting United Nations under secretary-general, that Israel was responsible for the fate of the deportees, who have been stranded without food in a no man's land between Israeli

and Lebanese forces. The Palestinians have only one land. Their homeland is here, and they must be allowed to return," said Faisal Husseini, a supporter of the Palestine Liberation Organisation and the most prominent of the Palestinian figures, who also included a representative

Mr Jonah also met relatives of the deportees and of Israelis killed and injured in attacks by Arabs. He is expected to arrive in Beirut today for talks with Lebanese leaders and plans to visit the 415 trapped Palestin-

Khmer Rouge issues warning to UN staff

FROM NEIL KELLY IN BANGKOK

THE Khmer Rouge will take United Nations personnel captive if they attempt to monitor UN sanctions due to come into operation against the Khmer Rouge from

Khieu Samphan, the nominal leader of the Khmer Rouge, said yesterday that the UN transitional authority in allowed into Khmer Rouge territory to observe trading. and he again refused all cooperation with UN peace-

keepers. The security council voted last month to impose sanctions on log exports to Thailand from Khmer Rouge areas and oil imports because of Khmer Rouge refusal to honour the Paris peace accord signed last year to end 13 years of civil war.

NEWS IN BRIES Appeal by Collor for trial delay fails

Brasilia: The supreme court chief justice rejected an appeal to delay the impeachment trial of President Collor de Mello. due to start today.

The president's lawyers had asked for an additional 30 days to prepare his defence against charges of miscon-duct. Senhor Collor de Mello, who is Brazil's first freely elected president in three decades, was suspended for 180 days pending the outcome of his trial in the Senate. (AP)

Site disputed

Delhi: Demonstrators protesting against a government plan to build a mosque and a temple on the site of the Ayodhya mosque, destroyed by Hindus, clashed with police and hundreds were arrested. Both Muslim and Hindu leaders have voiced opposition to the plan. (AFP)

Leader expelled

Tokyo: Japan's Communist its 100 year-old co-founder. for betraying a comrade who was shot in Moscow in 1939 after being accused of spying for Tokyo. Mr Nosaka said of the decision: "Regrettably, that is the truth." (Reuter)

Blood money

Peking: Police in the Chinese town of Hengshui smashed a 30-strong "vampire" gang who abducted people, forced them to sell their blood and kept the profits, the Legal Daily reported. At least 16 people were robbed of seven pints each. (Reuter)



of Hamas.

yesterday. An army spokesman said one soldier was slightly injured near the Deir al-Balah refugee camp. The Israeli government vesterday showed no inclination to back down from its refusal to acknowledge any responsibility for the fate of the Palestinian deportees. At Rosh Hanikra check point on Israel's northern border, police blocked a relief convoy organised by Israeli

Arabs from crossing into Leb-anon and delivering badly needed food and medical aid to the Palestinians. About 100 Israeli Arabs, including MPs, Islamic leaders and local council leaders left their cars carrying food parcels but were prevented from walking across the border. They piled the food beside the fence and some knelt to pray, chanting Allahu Akbar (God is Great). before turning back.

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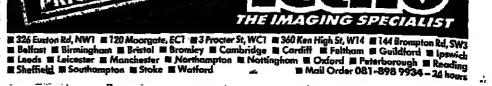
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Cubans keep going on stale buns and cat meat

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN HAVANA functioning. A blind eye is being turned to the black

THE words of the salsa song. Our Day Is Coming, are on the lips of all those waiting for political change to ease their deteriorating living conditions in cash-starved communist Cuba. "Everyone is waiting for it, it's coming ... the day of freedom," goes the song by Willy Chirino, a Cuban exiled in Miami since 1961, but today one of the most popular singers in the island. His tapes have been smuggled in and his banned songs are the most listened

to on the black market. Daily life becomes constantly more difficult for the island's 10 million inhabitants. The demise of trade relations with the former Soviet block, which provided Cube with commercial subsidies in vital goods, including

fuel, has left the Cuban economy in tatters. Cubans are left struggling to "resolve" - the word most often heard in Havana when people discuss their difficulty in making ends meet. "Resolving" a daily problem means finding petrol, shampoo, soap or mechanical spare parts in a country where none of these items can officially be found in

state shops. The black market has taken over all commercial activity. The communist state which once guaranteed to be the provider of all the people can no longer offer basic

President Castro and his

economic advisers have per-

formed a herculean task in

just keeping the economy

market, which is blamed by officials on the American economic embargo. Slowly but surely, however, the country is grinding to a halt. Factories are closing and workers stay at home with small state salaries. The average monthly wage is 160 pesos, or £2.75 on the black market. Toilet paper no longer exists, except in hotels for tourists. Loaves of bread have been replaced by small stale buns. Each Cuban is allowed one a day. Meat is available only on the black market, with chicken costing

100 pesos. Sitting in a tiny black market kitchen with Chirino playing on a tape recorder.



eye to black market meal of rice, beans, malanga

and stringy pork. Meals are being prepared all over Havana in clandestine kitchens where farm produce stolen

fended chef responds: "We don't eat cat here." Elsewhere cat is very definitely on the menu. Zoila, a teacher, complains that neighbours have eaten several of her cats, after killing them with catapults. She said police had arrested a man with a plastic bag full of

tryside. Albert says the meat

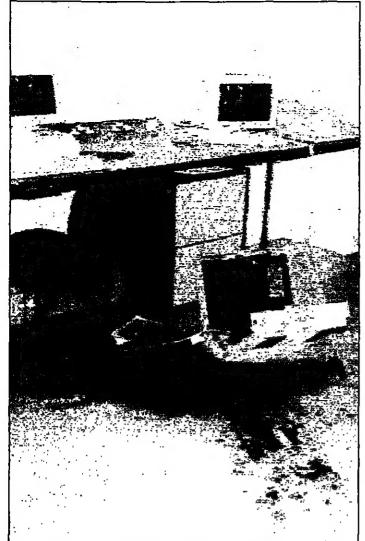
is tough. "It's not cat, is it?" he asks the cook. The of-

They've eaten six of them." she said, pointing to the neighbours' house. At ten pesos a pound, cat is more

minced cat meat.

affordable than other meats. Police have arrested a woman who reportedly fattened cats and cooked them in take-away casseroles for from state enterprises is 35 pesos a time.

From next month, the education of prisoners will be in the hands of private contractors. Walter Ellis reports on the pros and cons





Smashing — and rebuilding — the system: (left) the computer room after the riot at Reading remand centre; (above) John McVicar, criminal turned sociologist, at the up-to-date Belmarsh high security prison, in south-east London

key" has not been the philosophy governing United Kingdom pe-nal policy for many years, despite the fact that it continues to resonate with many outside the prison service, and in particular with the victims of crime. After the Boxing day riot at Reading remand centre, in Berkshire, the sentiment may resonate a little louder. But today, the prime objective of penal policy is rehabili-

tation, with education a key component. Echoing and adapting the old Jesuit refrain, prison educationalists could be said to live by the sentiment, "Give me an offender between 17 and 21 and he or she is less likely to be mine ever again".

Some, looking at the statistics for recidivism, would classify this approach as the triumph of hope over experience, Others would say that it is the only civilised response to criminal behaviour and point to the dramatic success of such as Jimmy Boyle and John McVicar, who each forsook lives of violence for the cells of academe and have ended up as

respected social commentators. Neither view has previously had to deal with the notion of prisons as profit centres. Both the retributory and reform schools of

Teaching gets the hard cell

prison administration have always assumed that deprivation of liberty and what happens to those behind bars is a matter exclusively for the state.

Today, with one privatised prison in operation, and others pending, the captive marketplace is seen by some as a fresh opportunity for the nation's flagging entrepreneurial spirit, and the education sector, aiready chailenged by local author-"opt outs", is no exception.

Under the Further and Higher Education Act, 1992, further education colleges will be removed from local education authority control from next April 1, and private contractors have been invited to bid for individual, or group, prison franchises. The Home Office argues that the quality of education offered should improve with the injection of new specialisms and teaching resources. It also assures doubters that the overall budget, funded by the Treasury, will not decline and that statutory obligations will be met. regardless of cost.

Not all those currently working in the service agree. Many will lose their jobs when the results of the bidding are announced in January; those who remain may find themselves reluctant participants in a balance sheet process that feels at odds with their public service vocation.

Sally Gardner is the education officer at Brixton prison, in south London. She has four full-time colleagues and 24 others who come in several hours a week, all of them paid by the Home Office through Lambeth Borough council. She and her fellow full-timers, who are part of Lambeth College's bid for the contract to operate at Brixton, were given 12-month dismissal notices last July.

Brixton is a combined allocation prison and remand centre, which means that inmates are usually moved elsewhere or freed within months of their arrival. But about 40 per cent of the 700 in residence at any one time take advantage of the basic education courses offered - mainly in the three Rs — and many enjoy the poetry readings, drama workshops and even opera recitals that are made available with the help of outside artists.

The majority of prisoners in Britain is effectively uneducated, having avoided formal schooling in some cases from the age of 12 or 13. Speaking before the riot at Reading remand centre, in which the education department's computer room was wrecked, Jackie Hearne, the centre's education officer, said that her priority was to give young inmates a crash course in the basics and introduce them to the possibilities of education. A remand centre such as Reading holds inmates for anything between one night and 15 months. The average stay is only three months, but the centre still devotes 25 per cent of its budget to education. Reading the bidders for the new contract.

"We are not so naive as to believe that education is in itself a panacea against reoffending, but those who work with us are likely to lead more worthwhile lives afterwards," Ms Gardner says.

"Our concern is that if tenders are won by private contractors, prison education could become detached from mainstream practice, with no guarantee of quality of tuition. We also fear there could be too much emphasis on the cost of the provision, to the detriment of the service."

At Durham prison, which houses a high-security women's unit as well as general facilities for medium-risk male prisoners, Martin Mogg, the governor, does not share these doubts. "At the moment", he says, "we have to beg, borrow or steal to get the resources we need to help one woman prisoner to obtain her doctorate [a study of social interaction in English literature]. Under the new arrangements, we expect to be able to tap into wider resources, including specialist skills, and in general to get better value for money.

There are eight full-time education officers at Durham, providing a typical range of instruction — "everything from stuffing toys to computer studies" - plus a fluctuating number of session class partcollege, the provider of the service, is one of seven bidders for the new contract, which embraces other local establishments as well, including Frankland prison and the Low Newton remand centre. Whoever wins, Mr Mogg has

made it clear he expects change. "Lots of money is now tied up in paying full-time staff, including people who may

not have the specialisation we are looking not have the specialisation we are tooking for," he says. "In finine, there will be more part-timers and more specialists. It is the tax payers who are footing the bill and they want the right people tied to the right resources at the right time."

Not every local authority now working in the prison education sector intends staying in the business. Mid-Kent College, for example, which serves nine estab-

ege, for example, which serves nine estab-lishments between Maidstone, Ashford and Canterbury, is not tendering, fearing that, should it win the contract, only to lose it three years later in the next round of licensing, it could end up facing substantial redundancy demands.

thers will simply take the opportunity to wash their hands of a responsibility that, while financially covered by the Home Office (at rate of 105 per cent of the cost incurred), may well be less lucrative than providing an evening class in computer science or setting up training course for local industry.

At the Home Office, lan Benson, the head of the prison education service, believes that the result of the process, now well underway, will be a rich and varied "Some private bidders are involved out of conscience," he says. "Others are out to turn a profit. But all must meet the standards laid down and all must be competitive." How the prisoners themseives respond to the changed system, and how responsive successful franchisees are to their new charges, will determine if this bold experiment succeeds or fails.

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PEACE OF MIND, AROUND THE CLOCK.

Gonna sit right down and write myself a letter ...

Virginia Ironside, fired agony aunt ere I an astrologist and not an agony aunt perhaps I could have seen it coming. But I should have known anyway. Enough people have written to thought I was wonderful, that he hated to sack people he admired and respected ... but me describing the horrors of being made redundant; enough strong men have in order to forge links with the rushed past my office recently Daily Mirror, he would prefer

clutching files and spider plants in plastic bags as they make their final exit in tears. But somehow I didn't really expect it. Every other time I've been summoned to an editor's office I've always been convinced I was going to be sacked. But this was a new editor, a man I liked. It was two days before Christmas. Was I going to be given a Christmas bonus? A pat on the back? Asked to discuss new ideas for the Sunday Mirror's problem page?

It turned out to be the latter But the new ideas didn't involve me. Sitting on the editor's leather sofa and smiling inanely. I listened as he told me his sad tale, feeling like an oyster being talked to by the Walrus in Through the Looking-Glass:

"I weep for you," the Walrus "I deeply sympathise." With sobs and tears he

Those of the largest size. The editor assured me that it was nothing personal, that he (below), puts her advice to the test

Marje Proops to be agony aunt not only for the daily but for the Sunday Mirror as well.

In other words, I was being fired to make way for an older woman. It is only just sinking in. I have never been sacked before. ("What, never been sacked?" said a friend. "It's like being sweet 16 and never been kissed! I've been sacked three times!") The experience is rather like being mugged. I sit at home feeling faint and

dizzy and shocked.

If I were to write to myself, what would I say? I've started scanning my leaflets for help. In "Depression" I read that I could try venting my anger on something — "a cushion, or punch the sofa or the walls". I could also. I tell myself, boost my confidence by looking in a mirror and saying: "I am

Being sacked is like being mugged. I sit at home feeling faint, dizzy and shocked

worthwhile. I may be de-pressed but I am useful and good. I was born and I am alive. I am me." Or apparently I could run round the block.
I consult my "Making
Money at Home" leaflet — because I'm wondering how on earth I can afford to put my son through university and wondering whether to open a guest house or set up a mush-

myself to learn picture-fram-

ing or china repairing, or practise alternative therapies: I could walk other people's dogs or take in lodgers — but I should avoid jobs that involve

addressing envelopes.

Everyone tells me things will work out fine. "You're a household name," they say blithely. But until you have a job you're just another unemployed person, sitting at home and feeling as if you're floating in

outer space.

Being given the boot is, these days, rather like getting your call-up papers in the war.

You can wait and wait, crossing your fingers, but it seems that sooner or later you get the

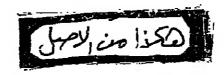
knock on the door. The deputy group manag-ing editor rang the day after my interview. "Why haven't you come to collect the cheque I have for you?" he asked. referring to my legitimate pay-off. In an amazing leap of the imagination he said: "I am dying to give it to you and tell

you that yes. Virginia, there is a Santa Claus!" If he can twist such a horrible situation round to make it positive and funny, perhaps, sometime, I can, too. Maybe I'll be able to look back on this grim Christmas and see the incident as a challenge, a gift. And that I have not so much lost a job as gained a future. I hope so.

SOLUTION TO CHRISTMAS JUMBO CONCISE CROSSWORD (published on December 24)

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No love in a cold climate

Nasal decongestants could have an unfortunate side-effect — impotence

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uffering from a post-Christmas cold? Then you might think twice before buying an over-thecounter cure. According to Kenneth Waters, a consultant surgeon, some decongestants can render men impotent. albeit temporarily. "Experts generally know that certain rescribed drugs such as betablockers also carry the side-

effect of impotence. But so can

some medicines which anyone

can buy from the chemist."

Such daims have apparenty been borne out by a 45-yearold patient at the London Grosvenor Clinic (where Mr Waters works) who had - unknown to his doctors - been taking a variety of well-known decongestants on and off for 15 years. For most of that time, his sexual performance had been miserably low, and his marriage was suffering as a result. In desperation, he had been to a hypnotist and had hospital counselling, but

The link between decongestants and impotence arose only when the patient was injected with prostaglandin to chieve an erection. To save the patient the embarrassment

to no avail.

of travelling home with the obtrusive result, doctors at the clinic used decongestant tablets to bring down the erection by constricting arteries. When the patient

returned home that night, he rang to ask why he had been given some tablets which he had been taking for several years. When he stopped taking them, he resumed a 'fantastic" sex life.

Mr Waters says that he "would not be surprised if there were other over-thecounter medicines that cause impotence. It's high time there was a controlled trial. At the pharmacists GPs should more aware of the

Previous studies have indicated links between poor sexual performance and

I(m) and

relief ...

cine, such as beta-blockers and anti-ulcer drugs. But impotence - said to affect one in ten men and one in three over the age of 65 — is still a sensitive subject.

Consequently, many GPs still fail to warn their patients of the possible connection. In of the possible connection. In an American study published in 1986, only 7 per cent of patients voluntarily told their doctors of their impotence. But when specifically questioned by the same doctors, the number rose to 53 per cent.

British sufferers should be urged to speak up, says Frances Thompson, a drugs information pharmacist, for the North West Thames regional health authority. "This is a common situation when there are several hundreds of new drugs on the market, each with different side-effects," Ms

Thompson says.
Not all GPs, however, are as up to date with impotencerelated drugs as they should be. "Anti-depressants are a good example," Ms Thomp-son says. "Not everyone knows that they can cause impotence both in men (through poor erections) and in women (loss of libido or delay in orgasm).

Dr Roger Kirby, who runs an NHS impotence clinic at St

Bartholomew's Hospital in London, says that out of the 1.000 men he sees annually who have been screened by their GPs for obvious causes of impotence, up to 20 per cent are drug-related. "One also has to remember that some medical conditions, such as high blood-pressure, can cause impotence. But it's possible to get round this by treating a patient with a different kind of

cause impotence." Some doctors are acutely aware of the link between drugs and impotence, but are afraid of mentioning it in case patients refuse essential treatment, "If someone comes in with an acute attack of asthma or high blood-pressure, a doctor's overriding duty is to save them," says Dr David Khan, a London GP. "But if you say, Look, this could make you impotent at the same time', they might not bother to take the medicine. So I often prescribe homeopathic drugs in-

drug - such as some alpha-

blockers - which does not

stead which don't carry impotence as a side-effect." Not surprisingly. the drug firms are somewhat sensitive about the subject", saýs Dr Kirby, who points out that market in blood-pressure tablets - not to men-

tion decongestants is a big moneyspinner. One big deconeestant manufacturer, the Wellcome

group, says that in the past 25 years, it has not had one formal complaint. Martin Sherwood, the group public relations manager, says that a New York survey in 1988 revealed only six reported cases of impotence which could firmly be atgestants, "If someone is in need of

decongestants, he is not going to be very worried about his ex life, especially since any problem would only temporary." Maybe so - but

the risk should surely still be made known. Indeed, a failure to connect drugs with impotence can lead to unnecessary and irrelevant medical treat-

ment says Dudley Rogg, the director of the Grosvenor Clinic. "One reason why there are so few reported formal complaints is that a patient who confides that he is impotent might not think of telling the doctor that he is also taking over-the-counter medicine. Some practitioners may

simply dish out penile injections of local drugs to produce an erection. This might be appropriate if the impotence was caused by something other than drugs (common causes include hormonal imbalance, neurological problems, surgical difficulties or psychological blocks). But simple questioning about any drugs which the patient might be taking could cure the problem instantly."

So could a more open attitude be taken towards the problem? Mr Rogg says he wishes he had a pound for every patient whose GP has said. "You're 42 years of age what do you expect?" "I've just put down the phone after a call from a man about to lose his marriage. Makes you think,

JANE BIDDER

Is the happy family healthy?

Jerome Burne

on a study

that assesses the link

between a

couple's family relations and

their health

or a family to be as healthy as possible it should be optimistic. believe in God and be led by a traditional male. That is just one of the many implications of a remarkable research project in California that has been studying the effects family life can have on parents' health.

Led by Dr Lawrence Fisher, of the department of family and community medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, the project has uncovered links between 14 indicators of physical and mental health (such as anxiety, having regular check-ups and self-confidence) and more than 50 ways a family behaves and organises itself - ranging from how optimistic it is and how it handles emotions, to how clear the house rules are. Not only are some of the connections surprising, but the study shows that what is

good for the man may not be so healthy for the woman and For example, a house rule that no one opens the parental bedroom door without knock-

ing is likely to correlate with the woman feeling self-confi-dent. The husband, however, will reap no such benefit. Women who operate the "knock first" rule also appear to practise "preventive behav-iour" in terms of physical health - for example, they will have their teeth and breasts examined regularly - but again there is no such link for men. A man's dental check-

shared roles - otherwise known as "Who does the cooking?". If husband and wife take turns with chores then the husband is likely to show preventive behaviour but not the wife.

ups appear to be linked with

"We were really surprised by just how big the difference veen the sexes was," Dr Fisher says. "It just jumps out of the figures and hits you."

hat also jumps

out is just how beneficial the traditional marriage is for men. Not only are there more elements of such a marriage that exclusively benefit the man, including being "head of the household", making the majority of decisions and being at liberty to pursue interests outside the family. but those elements which may benefit the health of women being in control of the emotional management of the relationship, creating privacy within the family - are more ambiguous and require a delicate balancing act on her part. It is when emotions come tumbling out that the gap

between husbands and wives opens up. Past research confirms that, in a couple, the woman tends to manage emo-

DR FISHER and his team selected 225 families

from a community in central California. Each had a

man and a woman who had been living together for

at least three years, (although the average was 17 years), with at least one adolescent living in the

house. Most were Anglo but just under 10 per cent were Spanish. In 75 per cent of couples both

partners worked: more than half the women

earned less than \$10,000 (£6,300) while 50 per

cent of the men earned \$20,000 to \$40,000. This

study, the results of which are being published in

seven parts in the journal Family Process, looked

at the effects on the parents; a later paper will dea

with the children, but it is not expected that a

dramatically different picture will emerge.



be of benefit to her health is the male's usual response to an argument — to become stubborn, complaining and withdrawn. The popular notion is that it's healthy for people to express their emotions, be they affectionate or angry. But Dr Fisher claims that the key question turns but to be: healthy for whom? What he has found is that when the woman approaches arguments in one way it is healthier

for her but worse for the man. If she is hostile, tries to make him feel guilty, talks more than he does and does not allow any warm connections to come through, then he is very likely to be depressed. In fact it is the only family situation that is connected with depression for men. She, on the other hand, is unaffected. But if she allows him to take control of an argument the effects may he positively harmful to her. The survey found that when

men run arguments they respond by withdrawing, and refusing to confront the issue at hand. The couple may then become distant and the woman may suffer anxiety.

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Dr Fisher points out that there may be a physical basis for the differing male and female responses to an argument. "There is some research that shows that after being aroused by an argument men return to a normal state quite mickly while women can stay hyped-up for hours. So if, time and again, they don't get their feelings off their chests it's not

surprising they pay a penalty for it by feeling anxious." 🕇 o achieve privacy, her one other individual health benefit, the woman has to perform another balancing act over the amount of time she gets to herself. If she feels that her role as an emotional manager demands that she spends all her energies sharing and encouraging the inti-macies the family needs for cohesion then she misses out on one of the strongest factors protecting her health. But if she is able to establish some privacy - such as the rule about knocking before opening the bedroom door - and

has something she does on her

their health and three areas of family life; their world

view - whether it was gloomy or positive, whether

It was religious, did they feel their life was

controllable?; how they organised themselves —

was there a clear leader, was there personal

privacy, did they share?; and how they managed

connections between the health measures and the

tamily features. It is important to remember.

however, that the study shows only that two things

- such as being clear about rules and not being

depressed -- occur together, not that one cause

Then a battery of statistics teased out the

esteem and taking care of her health. There is also a marked absence of those general aches and pains that seem to figure only on the female list of complaints.

Women seem to be more affected by the family and this comes out in emotional upsets such as anxiety, depression and lowered self-esteem. Men, on the other hand, are more likely to respond to stress by smoking or drinking.

The study does show up very clearly the benefits an old-style male gets from his marriage. There is even a cluster of behaviour and beliefs called "sex-role traditionalism" which is associated in men with avoiding anxiety and depression and having regular

that women are mainly involved in child rearing, that women should put the needs of the family before their own and that women's "adaptability" extends to taking over male roles in a crisis but letting them go when it is over.

Less offensive to many but

still traditional for men is "life engagement", a degree of risk taking and a readiness to try new things ouside the home which is also connected with taking preventive health measures. The female "adaptability" that is part of the traditional marriage also has benefits for the man in relation to his job satisfaction. Significantly there is no sign that women obtain any benefit from this adaptability.

Dr Fisher's study is unusual both for its size and because it looks at so-called "normal" families (see box) - that is, ones that are not in therapy. from which much of our knowledge of families comes. "The major value of this study is that it enables us to say for the first time what the really important features that define a family are." Dr Fisher says.

He believes that the strong connection between religious belief and good health shown by the study may be because religion gives families a wider support group. For husbands, private prayers and regular churchgoing was linked with a general sense of well-being, as well as keeping him off drink and cigarettes. For wives the only benefit of religious belief was a more active social life (smoking among women decreased only when they regularly got some privacy).

eligion's benefits are at odds with the study's findings about controlling destiny. Dr Fisher did not find, as other researchers have, that believing the family could control its own fate, via religion or any other outside controlling force, was strongly linked with good health. Instead, both men and women who have an optimistic belief that everything will turn out all right in the end tend to enjoy a sense of well-being, self-esteem

and be free from depression. Dr Fisher believes that with the aid of this family map all sorts of discoveries might be made. "It might be much easier to predict which families will cope well with the problem of living with a senile grandparent or a handicapped child. We know that families which are optimistic normally do well, and we know that a readiness to experiment with new things is linked with health in husbands. But these are just the elements that are likely to suffer when a chrotic invalid arrives. Families that have to take in an elderly relative and also score high on these features should be carefully watched."

Dr Fisher has found one recipe for the healthy couple in what he calls "organised cohesiveness". The ingredients for this are that partners know who is in charge of which areas of their joint life and what the rules are, and that they are close to each other and spend time sharing thoughts and feelings. When these all come together both partners feel good and do not get depressed, while individ-ually the man has less of a tendency to drink and the woman avoids anxiety.

What this shows is that you need to work at families," Dr Fisher says. "Organisation and closeness are different things but these days, with everyone being so busy, you can't have one without the other. You have to make time to be together."

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Resolving to change

AS THE deadline for new year's resolutions approaches. it is worth remembering that the adoption of a healthier lifestyle need not always be time-consuming and strenuous. Similarly, abandoning. or cutting down on, bad habits is easier this new year, thanks to medical research, than it has been in previous years.

Research this year has shown that lack of exercise increases the chance of developing not only heart disease but also cancer of the colon. testes and probably breast. Brisk regular exercise should therefore be everybody's first resolution. The exercise need not be swear-inducing. Thirty to 45 minutes hard walking a day is all that is necessary.

☐ A glass or two of alcohol a day serves to keep the coronary arteries open, as well as providing some enjoyment. But

BOFFORENE alcohol in excess, particularly

when combined with tobacco, can induce cancer of the mouth and throat, including both the larynx and the oesophagus (gullet). Heavy drinkers should resolve to reduce their intake. They often find it easier to cut out drinking at certain times, before 6pm for instance, rather than to cut back at social occasions. The development of the nicotine patch has removed addiction as an excuse for continuing to smoke. The patch causes local but severe irritation in about 7 per cent of smokers but gives the rest a very good chance of giving up. Smokers should give the patches a try, but should consult with their doctors. Those with heart dising and wearing a patch

☐ The greedy will resolve to keep down their weight not by intermittent fasting and stuff-ing, now shown to be dangerous, but by the gradual loss of weight. Two pounds a week is ideal. They will have their serum cholesterol measured. If it is high, and there are factors such as family history of heart disease and premature death, smoking, slothfulness or high blood pressure. they should cut back on fats.

☐ Fat or thin, we will all resolve to take Vitamin C. beta-carotene and Vitamin E. preferably in our diet but otherwise as pills to protect our arteries against disease, our cells from cancerous change. and our eyes from cataracts.

> DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

Lynne Truss

■ The holiday television films are good news for lip-readers but nobody else

n real life, no one ever says "frig". This is plain fact. Language embraces all manner of expletives, from the colourful to the brutal, yet somehow the terms "frig" and "frigging" have never been known to leap to the lips of any enraged person ("Hey, get off my frigging foot!"), mainly because they are mild, meaningless, slightly comical words inappropriate to situations of high intensity. Yet in movies specially dubbed for television, the frigging seems never to stop. I raise this matter because the Christmas TV fortnight was loudly fanfared as an opportunity to see lots of recent box-office successes for the first time on British television; vet it has turned out, on closer inspection, to be good news for lip-readers and nobody else:

If you are familiar with the movies in their original form, this blatant doctoring of the dialogue can give you a nasty turn. You know when you are sitting innocently on the wrong bus. with your destination comfortably in sight. and you suddenly swerve round a corner and accelerate helplessly northwards? Well, it feels just like that. Your consciousness splits in half, and you feel so bewildered that for a moment you can't remember where you live or what your name is. I watched The Fabulous Baker Boys on television on Sunday night, despite having seen it countless times on video, and this unexpected cornering took place so frequently, it was like - oh, like I had bought a jinxed Travelcard or something.

You see, the script of The Fabulous Baker Boys is heavily dependent on the genuine F-word to indicate dysfunctionality, but on the TV you never knew when it might come out all peculiar. Sometimes it was there, but sometimes it wasn't. "Count the frigging money, Frank," said the miserable piano player (Jeff Bridges) to his brother - sort-of under his breath, but loudly enough for a supercilious bar-room manager to hear. This was supposed to be an offensive remark, but it wasn't really, because "frigging" is not a bad word. "Screw him," he commented afterwards, his heart evidently still not in it. Later, he had a nasty showdown with Michelle Pfeiffer. with whom he had spent two meaningless nights in the sack. "Listen princess," he snarled emphatically, "We danced twice." Danced? What did he mean, danced? Viewers scratched their heads. "Hey, I hope this hasn't been cut?"

ersonally, I think there is a big issue at stake, because I hate to be sold a pup. I like to know that I am watching the genuine article, as seen by everyone else, otherwise it's a waste of time. Also, I have this naive, pathetic belief that dialogue is supposed to tell you more about the thought-processes of the characters than about the tender sensibilities of the imagined audience watching a grown-up film on BBC2 between 10pm and midnight. In The Fabulous Baker Boys, two of the characters smoke a lot, too. to show how miserable and negative they are. Well, why was this not cleaned up likewise, to protect the feelings of the vehement non-smoker? It's only a movie, after all. "Count the frigging money," growls the saturnine Jack Baker, and instead of taking a defiant smoky drag, produces a bag of sherbet lemons and offers them around. Why not? Perhaps he shouldn't even be saturnine. either, because, listen, no one wants to be depressed over Christmas. The TV version could have him a lot more cheerful. And instead of all this "frigging", he could exclaim "Christopher Columbus!", like Jo in Little Women.

The worst aspect of this bowdlerization of soundtracks is that it can transform a trusting happy viewer into wary, narrow-eyed lip-reader. taking nothing at face value. For example, did you watch the Miss Marple film on Sunday? Few expletives on the surface, but you could see that the words had been put on clumsily afterwards. not matching the movements of their mouths. "Goddarn" was a word blurted out by an American character at one point, but unfortunately I rushed to the screen too late to see whether he formed his lips in a labio-dental fricative (or "f") when he said it. Once you have been wised up to this stuff, you see, there is no going back. It makes you feel all suspicious and nasty. Count the frigging money. Frank.

Privately rented homes could liberate us from the burden of property ownership, says Janet Daley

To rent makes sense

ous mistake of the Thatcher era? Not the poll tax or entering the ERM.

Those were tactical misjudgments. More disastrous was the belief that owning property was the route to freedom. Only now. knee-deep in the wreckage caused by that fallacy, are the Conservatives proposing to revive private rented housing. If the reforms were done properly and not in a marginal, apologetic way, they would lead to just the sort of changes in national morale which Thatcherism

thought it was about. But the confusion which led to the home-owning fallacy was part of an incoherent view of housing which the Conservatives melded out of inherited post-war paternalism and a muddled sort of radicalism which saw only half the probiem. Their remedies now for the private rental sector still seem to be bred in that miasma of contradictions. Governments have fatally unbalanced the property market by bribing owners with mortgage tax relief. This one now proposes to bribe prospective landlords with "tax incentives", thereby distorting this fledgling market even before it is established.

The first mistake was understandable. In 1979, there was indeed a sinister alliance between taking away from people the sort of control over their domestic lives which home ownership seemed to provide, and national defeatism. So, setting

ordinary people free had to mean letting them join the property-owning classes, didn't

Hearing it now, what a curiously aristocratic idea that sounds. But Britain, even under that great champion of the middle class, Margaret Thatcher, has never really un-derstood the bourgeois virtues of mobility and ambition. To be accepted as properly middle class in England (but not in Scotland) is to be ersatz upper class: rooted, complacent and, above all, propertied.

And so the flawed theology was disseminated. Much political attention was paid to the frustration of council tenants spending money on consumer which could never be truly theirs. Not only were they to be liberated from the petty tyran-nies of bureaucracy — free at last to paint their own front doors and replace their windows with neo-Georgian bays - but their children were to be discouraged from ever entering into that one-class ghetto. Schooled in the joys of aspiration and selfdetermination, this new generation was urged to leap straight into home ownership. And so a proud new swathe of the population committed itself to property as a one-way ticket to respectability and financial

The rest, as they say, is history, too well-trod and depressing to rehearse again here. But looking at the tragic mess in which it has all ended for so many, one can only wonder at the blind spot which Thatcherism seems to have had about housing. Thinking that they had rethought the subject root and branch, the Tories flew at council housing with a fury, in the belief that is was the only malign force in the picture. But they accepted unquestioningly the socialist view of the private landlord as an inevitable exploiter of the innocent. Even a government which was the greatest sweeper-away of political myths in recent history. balked at the idea of rehabilitatine this demon.

Perhaps they half-accepted the leftist view that Rachmanism -- the notorious terrorising of slum tenants was a product of free-market forces. Rachman, whose brutal techniques for evicting recalcitrant flat-dwellers were linked with crime and prostitution in Notting Hill, became a symbol of villainy. People providing housing for profit came to seem as notorious as pimping. Like health care, housing had to be socially distributed and

No one, not even most Thatcherites, seemed prepared to argue that the excesses of Rachmanism were not a product of a free market but of a desperately unfree one. Overcharging and exploitation, let alone the outright victimisation of tenants, do not arise from a commercial free-for-all which gives the customer a fighting chance. They flourish like fun-gus in the dark corners of strangulated markets, finding the weak spots in over-protected. moribund systems - using illegality as a weapon of black-mail. The private rented sector, became, through over-constriction, prey for sharks: the benign

landlords dropped out, leaving

the ruthless to scratch what nasty gain they could from an

over-regulated, over-rationed

black murker And it was not only the orofessional landlord who learnt how to cheat. Those who remember the days when there was such a thing as an unfur-nished flat to rent will recall the wheeze of being charged for "fixtures and fittings" by the sitting tenant who was handing over the lease. The "f & f" usually consisted of a nasty mirror and some ragged carpets. The charge was really a

form of extortion by one tenant of another which could be exacted because such flats were so rare. Scarcity is the great corrupter of market morals, in housing as in anything else. The more you restrict the supply of something, the more you will create scope for abuse. Flood the market with decent, affordable accommodation and you leave less room for victimisation. But the market is free to

respond to real demand only if it is not weighted. Give a handi-cap or an advantage to one sector or another and you will only store up another set of problems which seems to cry out for further regulation. Private rented homes could be the most flexible and genuinely liberat-ing system of housing which a capitalist society has to offer. But only if capitalism is given a chance to work. As it is, the débacle of Thatcherite housing policy is going to result almost inevitably in a lost generation: all those people who thought they were making a smart gamble in a free marketplace but who were really playing with loaded dice. And the game had been rigged, ironically enough, in the name of a new form of paternalism: one that

Vhy security comes first



Conor Cruise O'Brien suggests a solution to the Palestinian deportations that is in Israel's interest

he deportation of the 415 Hamas members is the biggest mistake made by Yitzhak Rabin, during his present term as prime minister. That said, some of the international reactions to the deportations have been been excessive, as is often the case whenever Israel is in the news. Some have described the de-

portations as "ethnic cleansing", thus enabling them to bracket Israel with Serbia. But these deportations do not constitute ethnic cleansing. The people concerned were not deported just because they are Palestinians. They were deported because they are members of Hamas. Hamas is an organisation that regards itself as at war with the state of Israel: a war which will not end until Israel is replaced by an Islamic state in all of Palestine. Hamas is at present waging its "war" by killing Jews indiscriminately and Palestinians selectively (the Palestinians being persons suspecied of collaborating with way incurred the displeasure of

leaders of Hamas). The Israeli government be-lieves, probably rightly in most cases, that the people it selected are the elite of Hamas, the godfathers of an armed conspiracy against the lives of Israelis and against the existence of the state of Israel. Regrettable though they are, the deportations do not constitute ethnic cleansing nor can the policies of Israel, without grave injustice. be bracketed with those of

Last week, the ethnic cleansing theme was getting out of hand in the letters column of this newspaper. On Wednesday Lord Mayhew, approved the use of the term as applied to the deportations, but he went back to 1948 and claimed that Israel had been established by a policy of ethnic cleansing. He cited Deir Yassin — the scene of a

massacre by Irgun, on April 9, 1948 of 250 Arab civilians. That atrocity may indeed be. rightly described as ethnic cleansing. Yugoslav-style. All the same, Lord Mayhew was distorting history by omission. One would think from his letter that ethnic deansing in 1948 was a Jewish monopoly. No so. After the British mandate for

Palestine expired on May 15, 1948, the regular armies of five Arab states invaded the new state of Israel. Their object was not concealed by the Arab media at the time. It was to destroy the state of Israel and to exterminate its inhabitants. If they had succeeded, the results would have been second only to the Holocaust, in the annals of ethnic cleansing. And the objec-tives of groups like Hamas and Islamic Jihad today remain the same as those of the five Arab

states in 1948. Lebanon, backed (or ordered) by Syria will not take in the Hamas deportees. No Arab state now wants people like these: they are even more dangerous to them (whose legitimacy Hamas also denies) than they are to Israel. If the deportees are left where they are indefinitely,

If the deportees are left indefinitely. they will suffer

along with Israel's reputation and the peace process

not only will they personally suffer, but so will israel's reputation, and the peace negotia-tions — to which Mr Rabin is personally committed - will be indefinitely stymied. So it is in Israel's interests to take these people back. But it is only in israel's interests to take them back on Israel's terms: terms that will be acceptable to the people of Israel, as adequately safeguarding their own security.

Polls show 91 per cent of Israelis approve the deportations, because almost all Israelis believe these people constitute a threat to their own and their families lives. Mr Rabin can only bring back the deportees, if he can satisfy israelis that they will not be a threat to their security. If he brings them back without giving satisfaction on that score, he will fall. Those who are calling for the return of the deportees for the sake of the peace process should take note. If Mr Rabin fell over this issue his successor would be most

unlikely to show any interest in

the peace process.

The thing can be done, however, with due regard to security. I should like Mr Rabin, in the near future, to make a statement on the following lines: "Since Lebanon, and the other Arab countries declined to take in the deportees, israel has decided to take them back on humanitarian grounds as soon as the necessary preparations have been made to accommodate them in a manner compatible with Israel's security needs. 🛦 That will require the internment of these dangerous men.

"It would be better, of course, if we could try and convict them. But, as many other countries know, it is extremely difficult to secure convictions of terrorist godfattiers. We are not prepared to put the lives of our citizens at risk by allowing these enemies of Israel and all its people to remain at large in Israel. While, therefore, preparations for their internment are being made, we are prepared to them through Israel, and we have so informed the interna-

tional Red Cross." That is about as far as Mr Rabin could go and survive as prime minister of Israel. In the meantime, and failing a move from either Lebanon or Israel. the United Nations, whose security council has condemned the deportations, should organise humanitarian aid by air. No doubt both countries would protest against the violation of their air space, but such intervention would probably come as a relief, since it would end the present plight of the refugees damaging to both of them in different degrees - without requiring either country to take responsibility for the future of

the refugees. But it would be better for Israel to accept responsibility for their future in some such manner as I have described. It is possible, of course, that the deportees, or some of them. might prefer to stay where they are, rather than face internment in Israel. In that case, Israel should allow humanitarian aid to continue to reach them through Israeli territory, having made clear the conditions on which alone Israel is prepared to allow their return.

A stirring reward

SO FAR the reward, offered by Jacques Delors, of 200,000 ecu and a job for a succinct definition of subsidiarity on one sheet of A4 paper has not been claimed. But a suggestion put forward by Professor Ross Harper, former Scottish Tory president, has won an alterna-

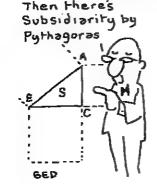
It was not, however, one that Harper, professor of law at Strathclyde University, would have necessarily wanted. His definition of the hated S-word has won the first wooden spoon to be awarded by the European parliament socialist group in a monthly campaign

against Euro-jargon.
In a pamphlet called New Unionism published by the Society of Scottish Conservative Lawyers. Harper has reduced subsidiarity down to a algebraic formula.

 $A = \frac{ExEA}{CxCE}$

A, says Harper, stands for the appropriateness of whether a decision should be devolved from Brussels to the member state. E is efficiency, EA empathy (acceptability). CE cost (economics of scale) and C consistency. This. he points out, is the simple version."Much work can flow from the creation of such a formula. For instance the factors should have regard to the difference under centralisation or cost with subsidiarity. Each of the items should not be stated in absolute terms but in comparative

For this and the accompanying treatise. Harper, who studied maths as part of his degree, will receive a bottle of champagne from the socialist group. He insists he was flattered that the socialists had taken the trouble to read it, and



wasn't a bit surprised they had not

understood it. As for the wooden spoon award. he says: "I hope it is sufficiently long to allow me to sup with safety with them." As to whether the complex formula is actually a bener indicator of the lack of humour displayed by Euro-pean socialists. Harper is not

Dickie birdwatch

AFTER prolonged controversy over press intrusion into matters royal, yesterday saw Buckingham Palace perform a neat volte face. As the pack of royal photographers fol-lowed the annual Christmas pheasant shoot at Sandringham, a BBC crew was to be seen filming their print colleagues from a car driven by none other than Dickie Arbiter. press secretary to the Prince of Wales and a man not known for his friendliness towards members of the fourth estate

Arbiter arrived at the wheel of his maroon Escort Cabriolet XR3i not a vehicle one automatically associates with royal circles - with the three-person crew aboard. They were, explains the BBC, taking film for inclusion in a Panorama special on press intrusion to be screened at

the end of January. The gaggle of press photogra-phers, assembled at the estate for the day, did not, however, see the comedy in Arbiter's role, especially after the royal spokesman had en-gaged one of their number in a characteristically frank exchange.

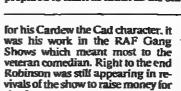
The royals are trying to prove what they regard as intrusion." says one photographer, "and yet we never strayed from the public road." The BBC vesterday insisted that, despite claims to the contrary, they had received no special privileges. The palace said this was a regular part of its work. But just how often does Arbiter help cameramen to load their gear into the

Leader of the gang

WHILE Cardew Robinson, who died on Sunday, was best known Some of the university old guard may have reservations about the upgraded status of former polytechnics. But Paul Hamlyn and Mary Archer dearly do not share them. Hamlyn, who has

more than 40 years experience in publishing, has become vice-chancellor of Thames Valley Univer-sity (TVU), the former West London Polytech-

nic. Lady Archer, who has lectured in chemistry at Oxford and Cambridge, is to be the Visitor at the University of Hertfordshire, the erstwhile Hatfield Polytechnic. Hamlyn has no preconceptions: "I am prepared to learn as much as the students about what TVU has to offer."



Only last month he was one of the star turns in a Gang Show at Wimbledon Theatre to mark the sixtieth anniversary of a vehicle that introduced such talents as Peter Sellers. Dick Emery. Harry Worth

and Michael Bentine. Jack Seaton, president of the British Music Hall Society and the man who organised the Wimble-



don show, says that Robinson, de-spite successfully making the tran-stion to television, never forgot his

"Cardew's first love was the

Gang Show. Soon after D-Day he

was in France entertaining the

troops. He was singing his heart out on the back of an army lorry

when sirens blared, guns were

fired, and shells started raining

kept cracking jokes, and singing songs even when the lorry took off at high speed, heading for the

frogs, with him on the back dis-

"Cardew never turned a hair,

music hall roots.



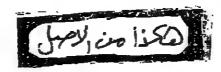
would listen. He must have put the fear of God into the enemy. Barry Cryer, who knew Robinson for 20 years, was one of only a

pensing cheer to anyone who

handful of friends who called him by his real name, Douglas. "I once went on a cruise with him on the HMS Canberra. That toothy grin, and those twinkling eyes, had a magical effect on all the matrons wandering around on the deck. He was like a character from an Agatha Christie world."

• Feeling is running high in the eastern transan town of Salmas, where the populace believes the Saviour - the twelfth imam or direct made offentions. Survour—ine wegui mum or au-ect male offspring of the prophet Muhammad—is about to reap-pear after I.200 years to proclaim the end of the world. A local man has gathered thousands of followers by saying that he recently heard the neighing of the horse of the Saviour in the local mosque, a sure sign that the twelfth imam is on his way. The town's official mullah, aponly trained by Tehran, is sceptical.

Only trained theologians recognise the neighing of the horse of the Saviour, he pontificated to the locals recently. The crowd was having none of it. The unfortunate mullah was pulled down from his pulpit and thrown into a pool.





A FLIGHT TOO FAR

If Iraq expected America to be off guard, it miscalculated

President Saddam Hussein's jubilation at George Bush's electoral defeat should be tempered by America's forthright response to the Iraqi air force's violation of the ban against Iraqi flights over southern Iraq. The president-elect, Bill Clinton, supported the shooting down of the aircraft in terms al-most identical to those used by President Bush. So much for the publicly expressed hopes of Saddam's foreign minister, Tariq Aziz, that Iraq would soon be able to deal in "a constructive atmosphere" with a Clinton administration possessed of an "objective attitude". By this he meant that UN sanctions against Iraq, reconfirmed last month in view of Iraq's continued refusal to honour many of its obligations under the Gulf war ceasefire resolution, would soon lapse once Mr Bush had left the White House.

Baghdad's rhetoric about retaliation can be discounted; Saddam does not want to court the kind of allied response which would put his weakened forces at risk of further military humiliation. But more probing of Western determination must be expected. Yesterday, Saddam's envoy to the UN denied any intention "of escalating the situation". But in the same breath, he threatened "more turbulence" until sanctions were lifted and governments resumed normal diplomacy with Baghdad.

Ever since the ceasefire, repeated incidents of Iraqi harassment of UN guards, relief missions and weapons inspectors - on all of which Saddam has retreated only under threat of military retaliation - have served him, at home and in the region, as demonstrations that he is still in power and making the running. Saddam's immediate goals are to run the UN out of the country or at least, as he has in the "safe haven" in the north through extensive sabotage, to disable its relief operations. With the UN out, he would regain most of his freedom to to crush internal opposition; and then to reassert Iraq's position as a regional power with which its neighbours had better co-operate.

An avid follower of American media, Saddam persisted during the Gulf war in exaggerating American opposition to

thewar and in believing that America would shrink from using the forces it had assembled there for fear of casualties. He may have misinterpreted Mr Clinton's "America first" campaign theme as a form of isolationism worth putting to the test, and ignored his strong position on combating

violations of human rights. Wishful thinking is a poor guide to action. On Somalia, Mr Clinton and the president are at one; on Bosnia, Mr Clinton has begun to sound the more hawkish of the two. In security matters, the president-elect has gone out of his way to insist that there will be continuity. This is likely to apply with particular force to the "no-fly zone" in southern Iraq and the northern exclusion zone protecting Iraqi Kurds. In both cases, humanitarian concerns march with international law. Under last year's resolution 688, the UN undertook to protect Iraqi Kurds and Shias against the worst excesses of Saddam's regime. Any use of Iraqi fixedwing aircraft violates, in addition, the Gulf ceasefire resolution, 687, which provides for

military enforcement of all its terms. Enforcement of the exclusion zones in Iraq is already only partial. Allied air cover can protect Kurds and Shias from bombs and helicopter gunships and appears to have deterred Saddam from major ground offensives, but relief convoys in the north have been sabotaged, and in the south thousands of Shias have been arrested, tortured and

executed and subjected to artillery attacks. Saddam is prepared for a southernoffensive as soon as international vigilance wanes, and boasted last week that he will crush the Kurds in the north so soon as the West removes its protective umbrella. The real question for an incoming American president is not therefore whether to maintain existing sanctions, but what further can be done to compel Iraq to cease flouting the authority of the United Nations and abandon, as is demanded of it, all claim to Kuwait. This week's incident is just one more reminder that the UN's job is incomplete, and may remain unfinished so long as Saddam sits in Baghdad.

TAILS OF THE RIVER BANK

Saving the otter is a paradigm for the conservation of us all

Welcome home, Tarka. The river Torridge. Corbridge strayed, the Old World native in north Devon, which for a generation has eddied blighted sludge, has been restored to rings of bright water. The sparkling river where Henry Williamson set his story of lutrine life once again has a healthy otter population breeding over four-fifths of the Torridge catchment, including parts where they have never been recorded before. Gavin Maxwell closed Ring of Bright Water with elegiac optimism, "Yet while there is time, there is the certainty of return." So it takes more than even the poisonous 20th century to drive otters away from English waters.

In 1927, when Williamson published his classic, the common oner or Lutra lutra was widespread throughout the United Kingdom. Since then its numbers have been decimated eight times, and it has been pushed back to the wilder fringes of the United Kingdom by industrial pollution, intensive farming and urbanisation.

The principal enemies of these shy creatures of the riverbank are chemicals. Pesticides such as DDT and dieldrin have been banned for years, but residues persist in fish eaten by otters. Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), formerly used to make electrical equipment, persist in the environment for 60 years, and cause sickness and sterility in otters. The clearing of riverbanks of trees and undergrowth has cut back the habitat where otters can build their holts. Increased motor traffic on the rivers and country roads brings death to otters; and they drown in fyke nets, set for their favourite food, the eel, or are caught in traps set for their nastier riverine rivals, the mink.

The otter is one of the oldest and bestloved inhabitants of Britain - an affection not always felt by fishermen and bird-lovers. Before the Roman came to Rye, and up to

ofter in its English rivers played. Before Williamson and Maxwell made it the archetypal anthropomorphised furry animal, with their minutely observed books in the peculiarly English genre of stories of animals treated as humans, the otter was part of country life and literature. Its story stretches back through Richard Jefferies and Gilbert White to a glossary of about 700 AD. which makes it one of the oldest names to be written down in English. Falstaff called Mistress Quickly an otter, as being neither fish nor flesh, so that a man knew not where

to have her. It was an affectionate insult. By its nature, the otter encourages humans to think warmly of it, because it does not do much harm (except to fish and small water fowl), and, with the cat, it is one of the few animals to enjoy playing games like, and with, humans. It will slide down banks of mud, or throw stones into the water and catch them as they sink. There is less enthusiasm for bringing back dangerous

furry animals such as the wolf and wild boar. In spite of imagined literary similarities, otters are not humans, nor are they quite as important as humans in the balancing acts of life. But a civilised modern society leaves space for its other inoffensive animal inhabitants. That is why there are no longer any otter hunts on British waters, while there are 14 packs of mink hounds, and increasing, to keep down the unbalancing infestation of minks. British rivers would be bereft without the creatures — heron, salmon, otter, kingfisher — for which they have been celebrated since the earliest records. Tarka's return to Devon is a model of conservation, and should act as an example for the rescue of other endangered species, which include, in the long run, Man himself.

THE DAYS OF RECKONING

Christmas Past: a series on the unchanging face of the season. Eight: From The Times of December 29, 1952

expired, the lubricant of procrastination has congealed upon the sands of time, we have crossed over into what so lately seemed the Never-Never-Land of "after Christmas". Its bleak landscape, varied only by the closely striated plateaux of our pending trays, is paved with promises waiting to be broken. How many times in the last four weeks, and in how many different contexts, have we said "Let's leave it until after Christmas". The suggestion was invariably popular "Right," they said (for in their mind, too, the festive season loomed like some great battle on which all the energies needed to be concentrated and from which, it seemed probable, not many of the participants would survive), "I'll give you a ring as soon as it's all over." In an access of quixotry we amended this proposal. It was for us, we courreously but insanely insisted, to take the initiative. We would give them a ring. They

should leave it to us. They did. It is not that we are averse to establishing this contact. The idea of taking luncheon with them is in no way repugnant to us; we would gladly spend an hour or two inspecting their milking parlour, their studio. their

This, as they say, is it. Our parole has youth club or the establishment at which they manufacture supersonic flying machines. The trouble is that, collectively, they expect us to do all these things, and more. The backlog has got out of hand, the arrows of procrastination which we shot into the air have all fallen on the same small corner of the calendar. To communicate with all the people we undertook to get in touch with after Christmas would be a task which. though not impossible, might well jeopardise our convalescence, to communicate with only a few would be invidious. Most of us communicate with none.

The consequences of this failure to fulfil our social obligations are less grave than perhaps they ought to be. The days pass, and we continue to postpone telephoning to the people we said we would telephone to after Christmas. But their consciences are burdened by similar peccadilloes; and if the worst happens - if an expensive secretary rings up and says, in a pointed manner, "I see from Sir Tarquin's engagement book that he was expecting you to get in touch with him after Christmas," we can always reply, mousily defiant, that the period under reference had not yet by any means expired.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Daunting future for railways

From Professor W. P. Bradshaw

Sir. The managers from the private sector who are to be brought in to run Railtrack, the new public-sector bureaucracy which will be responsible for railway track, signalling and timetables, face a daunting task (report, December 21). According to the white paper, New Opportunities for the Railways, Railtrack must earn a return on its assets which, it has been suggested, will be 8 per cent.

As the new managers attempt to do this they are likely to drive InterCity into loss and freight traffic away from the railways because neither business will be able to pay track charges consistent with such a financial target. Railways have very high fixed costs and it is quite impossible to adjust capacity proportionately to the loss in

traffic.

The inevitable consequence is that the reduced levels of traffic remaining on the railways will in turn be unable to meet the increased share of the track costs which will be allocated to them. This will lead to a spiral of decline. Such a state of affairs is inconsistent with ministerial desires, reflecting public opinion, that increased use should be made of the

The companies which the government hopes will come forward to operate franchises have already indicated that they will be unwilling to become involved in a business where they do not control such vital opera-tions as timetable planning, track, signalling and stations. Certainly none are willing to invest in long-life assets such as rolling stock without long, stable franchises.

The chairman of BR is quite right to put the question of creating a climate for investment as probably the most important criterion against which any proposals to privatise the railways should be judged. Unforunately government is focusing, far too narrowly, on creating an expensive bureaucracy which will engage in exercises like cost allocation and the creation of competition between train operators on the same tracks.

Instead effort should be devoted to the design of a franchise-bidding process which will seek out operators willing to invest substantially, over a long period, in modernising and expanding our railway system.

Yours faithfully. BILL BRADSHAW. Centre for Socio-Legal Studies. Wolfson College, Oxford. December 21.

Medical matters

From Dr T. E. Lear

Sir, Tom Sackville, the junior health minister. is reported (Inforech, December 11) to have told health service managers in Birmingham that in the long term doctors notes. nurses' care plans and X-ray films are to be replaced by electronic records. Another part of the strategy, as reported, is to link computers in hospitals, doctors' surgeries and health authorities into a single national network.

This plan seems to test important principles. Medical records contain personal information which the docfor holds in trust. The doctor-patient relationship is often open-ended and permission to communicate information to others on one occasion does not imply on future occasions as well. How can a doctor pass his responsibility for discretion to someone unknown to patient and doctor alike?

Yours sincerely TERENCE LEAR 140 St George's Avenue,

From Dr Maurice J. Healy

Sir, If you give a budget to GP fundholders most will reduce waiting times for their patients and make savings. If the same sum of money is given to hospitals, waiting lists increase and the money is never enough. Why?

Yours faithfully, MAURICE HEALY. Hornsey Rise Health Centre. Homsey Rise, N19. December 23.

Bankruptcy anomaly From Mr A. H. Dutton

Sir, Your report, "Experts call for end

to Dickensian view of bankruptcy (December 15), brings to mind another iniquity: chartered civil and structural engineers and, I believe, all members of similar institutions chartered under the privy seal, must be struck off if declared bankrupt.

While this is quite proper if the member has been fraudulent, in the current economic dimate many will find themselves in this unfortunate position as a result of drastically reduced workloads failing to produce sufficient turnover. To strike off those members who

are victims of circumstance removes their ability to practise, and hence an opportunity to make amends and rebuild their lives.

Yours faithfully ANDREW DUTTON, Oakhank, Bagshot Road, Brookwood, Surrey. December 15.

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Cost of prisoners held in police cells

From the Director of the Howard League

Sir, The Auditor General has qualified his certificate on the Home Office accounts because of inaccuracies in police force claims for holding prisoners in their cells (report, December 23). His enquiry discovered one police force which charged £1,800 per prisoner per day.

The Howard League has been deeply concerned about the practice of holding prisoners in police cells for long periods. Our objection to the practice rests primarily on the grounds of poor conditions, lack of ocess to families and lawyers, and the lack of rights and standards for the

We have also been concerned that police officers have been diverted away from their proper duties towards becoming long-term custodians, a task for which they are untrained and ill-prepared. I heard recently, for instance, that police officers local to our offices had to spend time searching charity shops for spare clothes for their prisoners. I was given to under-

stand that the officers were spending their own money.

Our third concern has now been raised by the Auditor General. Our own investigations have revealed that police forces round the country have become accustomed to relying on generous income from the holding of prisoners and charging inflated amounts. These funds are used to subsidise other areas of police activity. The moneys also fund regular and much appreciated overtime by police officers which is booked in advance and still paid even if the prisoners fail to appear.

The Howard League welcomes the Auditor General's qualification and the mooted enquiry by the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee. We believe that police cells are not the place to house prisoners and that the practice should cease forthwith on grounds of humanity and prudent fiscal controls.

Yours faithfully. FRANCES CROOK, Director, Howard League (for penal reform), 708 Holloway Road, N19.

Jail standards

From Sir Frederick Lawton

Sir. Judge Turnim's report on the state of Long Lartin Prison (details, December 18) when he inspected it aston-ished and perplexed me. My aston-ishment arose from the steep decline in standards of order, tidiness, hygiene and discipline since the days, 50 years ago, when my father, who was a prison governor, used to show me around the establishments in his charge. He retired in 1956 as the governor of Wandsworth Prison.

My perplexity arises from the reluctance of the Home Office to return to the recruitment policy for both governors and uniformed staff, namely getting most of them from the armed services, which did ensure during the first half of the century that order and discipline were maintained

Until about 1930 most prison governors were recruited from retired officers of middle rank in the armed forces; and the uniformed staff mostly from retired NCOs and petty officers. They knew how to control men who could not, or would not, discipline themselves and how to deal with disturbances when they occurred.

In the 1930s the Home Office stopped recruiting ex-army and navy officers as governors. The new recruits effect for some years on order and discipline because the senior uniformed staff were as before. But after 1945 the uniformed service no longer attracted the same kind of men. When between 1961 and 1972 I visited prisons in the course of my

had usually previously been employed

in social work. The new policy had no

duties as a Queen's Bench judge l began to notice a decline from the standards which I had known in my father's time. When I enquired why, a governor told me that changing penal policy called for less "spit and polish" and more personal contact with those who were soon to be called inmates. not prisoners. Long Lartin, when inspected by Judge Turnim, shows where this policy can lead; so, too, do last Saturday's events at Reading remand centre.

Maybe the penal regime which existed in the first half of this century did require change: but it is worth remembering that in the late 1930s the average daily population of all penal institutions was only about 13,000, in contrast to a present-day average of about 46,000. Can it be that the old-style staff were better at rehabilitation than the new?

drivers to join the "motorway may-

FREDERICK LAWTON. 1 The Village, Skelton, York. December 28.

hem" will be removed.

ANDREW HOWARD

(Head of Road Safety).

Automobile Association.

Basingstoke, Hampshire.

From Captain S. N. L. Emms

Sir, As a mariner, I was taught a simple rule-of-thumb method of determining a safe speed in fog or low

visibility conditions: to proceed at such

speed as to be capable of stopping within half the range of visibility.

Thus, collision with another vessel

drivers would stop motorway pile-ups.

The application of this rule by

Yours faithfully

Fanum House,

December 23.

could be avoided.

Yours faithfully,

Lower Downing

Whitford, Clwyd.

December 23.

S. EMMS.

The Tower,

Speed and safety

From Mr Andrew Howard Sir, Your leader ("Stop motorway mayhem", December 23) rightly stresses the need to change public

attitudes to speed. This effort should start with the young. Schools should be required to teach pupils to be responsible road users for the rest of their lives. New drivers can be influenced by ensuring that driving instruction, and the driving test, place a higher emphasis

on drivers' attitudes. Changing attitudes involves more than education, however. The car culture needs to change a little. Car advertisements, for example, must emphasise the more responsible elements of car ownership, rather than stressing the limits to which a car can

Finally, everybody needs to change. We must all accept that driving safely means occasionally being late. If we

do, most of the pressure causing

Orchestral difficulties From the Controller of BBC Scotland

Sir. Richard Watson's letter (December 19) about the proposal to merge the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra and the Orchestra of Scottish Opera is incorrect on a number of.

I cannot agree with his assertion that the proposed merger makes a mockery of the joint Arts Council/ BBC review of orchestral provision in the United Kingdom. That review provided the overall context for the issues debated by the SAC, the BBC and Scottish Opera.

As for secrecy, any announcement of conversations, far less negotiations, would have resulted in months of uncertainty for the orchestras, with destabilising effects. As soon as a workable proposal was drawn up it was put before the players for their consideration.

No decision on a merger has been taken. A proposal has been put forward for consideration. Wide-ranging discussions lie ahead, during which all points of view will be considered

Yours faithfully JOHN McCORMICK, Controller, BBC Scotland. Broadcasting House, Queen Margaret Drive, Glasgow.

From Mr Charles May

Sir. What a shame that the Royal Philharmonic and Philharmonia Orchestras have been treated in such a dismissive fashion by the Arts Council (report, December 18).

It seems that getting out on the road, taking quality performances to "the people", is less important than adding further to London's already crowded music programme, with the LSO and LPO tucked up warmly in their own "houses".

Yours etc. CHARLES MAY, 5 Vapron Road, Mannamead, Plymouth, Devon.

Piper's lament

From Mr J. S. K. Milne

Sir, The tradition persists, but the moving pibroch MacCrimmon's Sweetheart was not dictated in a series of dreams by an ancestral spirit ("On This Day", December 11, 1915),

It was composed by a piper to the MacDonalds of Clanranald, a dy-nasty more often than not at odds with the MacCrimmons' patrons, the Mac-Leods of Dunvegan, and is known in Gaelic as Am Maol Donn, the brown hornless cow.

The composer had been one of a party which unsuccessfully tried to extricate an old widow's cow from a

bog. The pibroch describes his emotions towards her plight on the loss of her only means of support.

This information derives from Andrew Carnegie's piper, the late Angus MacPherson. Laggan, Invernessshire, whose grandfather, the so-called Piobaire Cam or one-eyed piper, had learned this pibroch (by canntaireachd, that is chanted vocables rather than sheet musici from John MacCrimmon at his piping school in Boreraig. Skye. early in the last century.

Yours faithfully, J. S. K. MILNE, The Arts Club. 40 Dover Street, W1.

Time to reassess forces reductions

From Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton

Sir. I warmly agree with General Christison and the other Scottish generals who wrote to you (letter. December 15) about the folly of the reductions in the number of infantry battalions proposed in *Options for Change*. Indeed I know of no one in a position to understand these matters

who does not agree. Mr Tom King, when the Treasury persuaded him to publish this illjudged document, may or may not have understood what its effects would be on our ability to discharge our politico-military responsibilities. Be that as it may, his white paper would have been more accurately entitled "Options for Fudge".

Clemenceau may or may not have been right in holding that war is too serious a business for the generals, but what is luminously dear is that the formation of defence policy is too

difficult a business for politicians. We must all hope that, before they take on any more open-ended military commitments, for political reasons, Mr Rifkind will be able to persuade his colleagues that Options for Change should be torn up, and the chief of staff invited to decide what the strength of the army (and, indeed, the other services) should be, if the defence and overseas policy of the government is to be successfully

1 remain. Sir. your obedient servant. HILL-NORTON, House of Lords.

From Brigadier P. R. E. Williams

Sir. The Scottish generals have proffered a predictably tribal solution to army overstretch. A quicker alternative would be to call for volunteers from the territorial army to form regionally raised companies for the reinforcement of regular bantalions. obviating the need to use regulars for this purpose and maintaining the

integrity of units. These territorials, commanded by regular officers, would come from areas of high unemployment and be embodied for a year, comprising shakedown training, an operational deployment and leave. Some regular redundancies might be deferred, and I know that many unemployed TA soldiers would jump at the chance.

Yours faithfully, PETER WILLIAMS, Croxton Old Rectory, Eltisley. Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire.

Academic standards

From Professor P. S.

Atiyah, QC, FBA Sir. In his attack on the grant assessment system for British universities (article, Education, December 14). Professor Peter Scott worries that universities may become less in-terested in "scholarly reflection", so that "ideas may get crowded out".
"Real excellence", he protests, "evades assessment". In that case how should universities appoint their own senior

academic staff? No doubt they could devote more attention to teaching abilities, but I have never sat on a selection committee which was not interested in evidence of "scholarly reflection" and of "ideas". All universities devoted to research use these criteria in making their appointments, so why should they be afraid to be assessed by the same criteria?

Yours sincerely. P. S. ATTYAH 75 Main Road, Long Hanborough, Witney, Oxfordshire.

Timely signs?

From Mr A. Sangster

Sir, I recently attended a Law Society local government meeting in Church House where the vote on women priests was cast. I was bemused to see over the door entitled "Clergy Noes" a clock which was slow; and over the door for "Clergy Ayes" a green emergency sign for the exit, with a male figure running.

Yours faithfully. A. SANGSTER (Headmaster), St Edmund's School, Hindhead, Surrey. December 23.

Christmas bonus

From Mrs Angela Gibson

Sir, After years of being disappointed with the contents of crackers we decided to fill our own with contents to suit the recipient. My son did the filling and this Christmas I have received the best cracker present ever, a note saying:"Happy Christmas, Mum, I'm doing the washing up!"

Is it really necessary to spend a lot of money to get more than a paper hat and a bang?

Yours scrimpingly ANGELA GIBSON, Green Gable, 3 Cedarway, Wilmslow, Cheshire. December 27.

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SOCIAL NEWS

Birthdays today

June Marchioness Aberdeen and Temair, 79; Sir Richard Beaumont, diplomat, 80; Lord Beaverbrook, 41; Mr John Connell, former chairman, Distillers Company, 68; Mr Bernard Cribbins, actor, 64; Baroness Denton of Wakefield, 57; General Sir Robert Ford, 69; Professor L.C.B. Gower, former vicechancellor, Southampton University, 79; Mr David Hall, former chief constable, Humberside, 62: Sir Simon Hornby, chairman, W.H. Smith, 58; Mr Gilbert Hunt, company chairman, 78; Mrs Rosalind Preston, former president, National Council of Women of Great Britain, 57: the Right Rev Mark Santer, Bishop of Birmingham, 56: Sir Kenneth Sharp, accountant, 66; Mr Harvey Smith. showjumper, 54; Mr Jon Voight, actor, 54; Sir Edward Williams, former commissioner-general, Expo 88, Brisbane. 71.

University news

University prizes The following have been awarded:

Winter Williams Law Prizes First prize: Jonathan Riley, St John's College; second prize: Jane Esther Convery, Pembroke College. Awards for meritorious works have been given to Susan Louise Davies. St John's College and Elizabeth Stokes, New College. Sara Norton Prize 1992

The prize has been awarded jointly to Dennis R. Hoover and Burt L. Monroe, both of Lincoln College.

London St George's Hospital Medical

School Dr Sean Hilton, senior lecturer in the Department of General Practice and Primary Care has been appointed to the chair of General Practice and Primary Care upon the retirement of Professor Paul Freeling.

Bristol

Pro Vice-chancellors Professor G.M. Stirrat to succeed Professor B.M. Bird as Pro-Vice Chancellor for four years from August 1, 1993 Deans

Council has approved the election of the following as Deans for the session 1993-

Arts: Professor M.P. Costeloe; Social Sciences: Professor M. Beveridge: Medicine: Professor P.M. Keen: Science: Professor D.V. Evans.

turer in the Department of Political and International Relations, University of Lancaster, to the chair in politics. Dr P.R. Roberts, Reader in Pharmacology, Department of Physiology and Pharmacology. Southampton University, to the Chair of Chemical

Appointment

Neuro-Pharmacology.

Christopher Bernard Chandler and David John Owen to be joint District Judges, Mr Chandler for the districts of the Southend and Grays Thurrock County Courts and in the District Registry of the High Court at Southend from January 4, and Mr Owen for the Nottingham group of county courts and in the District Registry of the High Court at Nottingham, Derby. Mansfield, Chesterfield and Leicester from January 18.

Airey Neave Trust

Civil and Political Rights through the work of the Human Rights Committee.

Queen's University, Belfast, to determine the nature and extent of compensation for victims of violent crimes in other European jurisdictions. St Andrews University, the setting up of seminars for politicians to meet professional philosophers.

told to save records

BY RAY CLANCY

urged to save their records bins or being thrown out as more and more practices close down during the recession.

half of the 20th century.

"The last thing architects think about when they are going under is keeping their records. It can be costly to store them and all too often they are thrown out. There have been two quite horrifying cases of deliberate destruction. Two years ago the entire collection of an architect's practice in Aberdeen was put in a skip on the whim of one partner." said Ms Bailey. A collection in Dundee met the same fate.

BY NICHOLAS WATT

AND NORMAN HAMMOND

WHEN Roman aristocrats

saited away their treasures in

a Suffolk field 1,500 years ago they had little idea their world

was dissolving and they would never see their chattels again.

As marauding Anglo-Saxons

and a series of civil wars

eroded their pampered life-style, they followed the

Roman tradition of burying

valuables to be retrieved once

In fact it took a millennium

and a half before a retired

gardener discovered the trea-

sure inside the remains of a

rotten box in a newly

ploughed field at Hoxne, near

Conservationists at the Brit-

ish Museum are now dean-

ing the jewellery and coins

which have oxidised and are

wedged together. Once their

work is finished in two

months time two archaeolo-

gists from the museum. Dr Catherine Johns and Dr

Timothy Potter, will begin to study what one archaeologist

described as "one of the

Mr Robert William Victor

Gittings, of East Dean, Chichester, West Sussex, the literary critic, poet and biographer of Keats and

Thomas Hardy, left estate valued at £128,453 net.

Mrs Rixi Markus, of London SW1, the first woman to become a bridge grandmaster, left estate valued at £326.275 net. She left a

large number of bequests of effects and her home to personal legatees. her money in her Bridge account in the Woolwich Building Society to Gerry Knight, of London W14,

to Gerry Knight, of London W14, to be used in accordance with her wishes to continue in her name the Duplicate Contract Bridge events initiated by her, namely the Lords v Commons and the Easter Guardian Congress, £1,000 to the Westminster Synagogue, for charitable purposes, the portraits of herself and Lord Lever by Judy Cassab, to the National Portrait Gallery, and the residue to the

Gallery, and the residue to the

Weizmann Institute Foundation

London, in memory of herself, and "my sister Eugenia Heller, her son

strife had died down.

Diss, last November.

where everything else had been carefully catalogued.

interesting anecdotes from days gone by. There was a quantity surveyor in a Dundee practice who arrived at work very morning straight from his favourite public house accompanied by his personal barber who would shave him in the office. An Aberdeen architect started out laying tramlines in the city and went on to design a railway in China. A Glasgow architect made his name during his student days when he attended lectures wearing a bowler hat and white gloves and ate lunch from a picnic hamper.

Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth

The following Officers passed J B McQueen, Sub Lt S K Moore, out from Britannia Royal Naval College on December 17, when the salute was taken by Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, Chief of the Naval Staff and First Sea Lord.

Naval College entry

Seaman: Sub Lt J O Freeborn, Sub Lt S Gardiner, Sub Lt C G Meeking, Sub Lt M R Reid, Mid DA Bassett, Mid B D Bosley, Mid WA Coutts, Mid J R Dean, Mid I A Doran, Mid S Fairhead, Mid S F Hill, Mid S A Hoyle, Mid N Lancaster, Mid S Lawson, Mid A B Ley, Mid V A Mackay, Mid S A Miles, Mid R L Officer, Mid T D Miles, Wild R L'Other, Wild P S Roberts, Mid W R Sheeny, Mid T S Skeels-Piggins, Mid R D Smith, Mid M J Spooner. Mid A M Stevens, Mid M R Sutcliffe, Mid D A Thompson, Mid C G Uniacke, Mid J D Vink. Mid S D

Walton.
Supply and Secretariat: Mid S A
Coaker, Mid F Percival.
Engineers: Mid G Adams, Mid G
K E Ankah, Mid M Caddy, Mid F
B N Cropper, Mid S R Davis, Mid
A H Golledge, Mid A M Gothard,
Mid J G T Haworth, Mid T S
Jefferson, Mid J Marr, Mid G
Potts, Mid M E Puxley, Mid L D
Sanderson.

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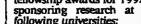
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Sub Lt W A Killick, Sub Lt A P
Markey, Sub Lt R Maxwell, Sub Lt
Rahim Akbar.



The trustess of the Airey Neave Trust have announced fellowship awards for 1992-3, sponsoring research at the following universities:

Nottingham University, to an-alyse the development of the

Architects

ARCHITECTS are being because important historical documents are ending up in

Rebecca Bailey, of the business Records Centre at Glasgow University, is collecting the records because of fears that they are being neglected and destroyed. Already she has found that a fifth of practices have documents dating from the 19th century and a further third from the first

The documents are being recorded, listed and catalogued by the Scottish Survey of Architectural Practices and will be made available to the public. Ms Bailey, who has a degree in architectural history. believes it is the first and biggest survey of its kind in Europe. "Collections that have been destroyed undoubtedly contained documents not just of local importance but of national signficance as well. Often they are whole records conceived and built," she

One of the most important set of plans to be uncovered is a collection of designs for cinemas in the 1930s. They were found in a storeroom

The records also contain

Sub Lt C J Osborn, Sub Lt C A Robinson, Sub Lt D Rouke, Sub Lt L M Sargent, Sub Lt N M R Shears, Sub Lt S L Weston. Supply and secretariat: Sub Lt S M Joll, Sub Lt K L H Samuel Engineer: Sub Lt C E Onkiye, Sub Lt S P Roberts. Instructor: Lt K J Arnold, Lt M

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Pilot: Sub Lt P A L Barnes, Sub Lt I R Lambert, Sub Lt I S D Macfarlane, Sub Lt M Polding. Sub Lt K J Rutherford, Sub Lt D J Smith, Sub Lt N P Willing, Mid M Dixon, Mid J C Ollerton, Mid M A P Sewell, Mid A S Mills. Observer: Sub Lt N J Artingsta

Herbert Alfred and her husband Ignacy, who were killed in Lwow, Poland, by the Nazis at an un-known date." Sir Joseph William Weld, of

Lulworth Manor. Wareham, Dorset, Lord-Lieutenant of Dorset 1964-84, and High Sheriff 1951, Chairman of the Wessex Regional Health Authority, the Dorset branch of the Country Land-owners' Association and of the South Dorset Conservative Associ-

ation, left estate valued £1,533,691 net. The Dowager Lady Letitia Sibell Winifred Hotham, of Dalton Holme, Beverley, North Humberside, Lady-in-Waiting to the Duchess of Gloucester 1935-37, and at one-time a mezzo-soprano with the D'Oyly Carte and Carl Rosa opera companies, widow of the 7th Lord Hotham, left estate valued at 1315 322 per £315,382 net.

Sir Lionel Henry Lamb, of Hartingfordbury, Hertfordshire, former Ambassador to Switzerland and Charge d'Affaires in Peking, left estate valued at £397,408 net. Lady Joan Daria Denning, of Whitchurch, Hampshire, wife of Lord Denning, former Master of the Rolls, left estate valued at £119.078 net. Professor Cecil Howard Tonge of Jesmond, Tyne and Wear, former

of Oral Anatomy at Newcastle University, left estate Brigadier Terence Hugh Clarke.

valued at £706,455 net. Miss Maud Spurrell Collings, of Torquay, Devon left estate valued at £993,093 net. She left her entire estate equally between the RNLI, and the International Red Cross,

Lavish lifestyle: a typical Roman villa of the 4th century, this one in Kent, and a silver-gilt tea strainer found among the abandoned hoard

Latest wills

Sir Walter Stewart Howard of Learnington, Warwickshire, for-mer chairman of Warwickshire County Council, Trustee of Shakespeare's birthplace, and Deputy Lieutenant of Warwickshire, left estate valued at £282,182 net. Mrs Gertrude Muriel Lamb, of East Markham, Nothinghamshire, left estate valued at £2,102,114 net. She left £5,000 each to Archie McGlen, Ernest Bean and Pat Atkins, all present or past employ-ees of hers or of her late husband and the remainder of her estate mostly to relatives.

Mrs Elizabeth Mary Manners-Clarke, of Hindhead, Surrey, left estate valued at £605, 158 net. She left £37,000 and any motor car she may own to personal legatess, and the residue to the RNLI, towards the purchase of a lifeboat. Mr Frank Oxley of Disley, Cheshire, left estate valued at £1,123,279 net. He died intestate.

of Chichester, West Sussex, former Conservative MP for Portsmouth West, and a director of the public relations firm of Cohman, Prentis and Varley, and of Sternberg & Co. left estate valued at £180,965 net. Miss Kathleen Elsa Fell, of Budleigh Salterton, Devon, for-merly of Lympstone, left estate valued at £672.951 net. She left personal legacies totalling £15,000, £5,000 to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, and the residue equally between the Imper-ial Cancer Research Fund and Suc Ryder Foundation.

A life in art: Edward Povey works on a mural depicting man's journey from childhood to old age commissioned by the University of Wales in Bangor for a concert hall. The artist, who has painted over 30 murals in north Wales, says the 600 sq ft work seeks to illustrate the path from purity of ignorance to the state of purity through knowledge

some in the earth so that no

one afterwards could find

them and some they took with

In the 5th century Romans

in Britain were endangered

by a confused mixture of

invading Anglo-Saxons and

feuding local dysnasties. Mr

Wood says: "It was not just a

question of long-haired Sax-

ons raping and pillaging their

way round the country. It was

a time of crisis and interne-

cine warfare. It was a bit like

the post colonial situation in

Angola where there was a

return to old fieldoms. Cities

were collapsing, nobody

maintained them and descen-

over in some areas."

dants of the old Iron Age took

The Romans in East Anglia

were particularly vulnerable

across the sea. Their troubles

were compounded when

Rome, preoccupied with its

own troubles, refused military

As the Romans opulent

lifestyle in Britain disintegrat-

ed they had to face a grim struggle to survive. Many were killed, others fied west to

aid to Britain in AD 410.

them into Gaul.

Roman coin hoard

Treasure buried by nobles as empire crumbled

Roman pay packets may have

been part of the treasure. The

coins were from Honorius,

the last Roman emperor to

rule Britain from AD 393-

423, and of his co-emperor,

Arcadius, AD 383-408. The

chest containing the treasure

is believed to have been buried

between AD 400-420 when

Honorius withdrew the last

legions from Britain to defend

In its account of the twilight

years of the empire the Anglo-

Saxon Chronicle describes

how Romans hid their posses-

sions just when the Hoxne

treasure was buried. Refer-

ring to AD 418, the chronide,

which was started in the 9th

century and is the main source

for Anglo-Saxon history, says:

"In this year the Romans collected all the treasures

which were in Britain and hid

the core of the empire.

The Roman treasure discovered in

fascinating snapshot of a lavish lifestyle in the dying days of the empire

Suffolk last month has provided a

createst finds of the late

The hundreds of silver

spoons, strainers and gold

bracelets discovered in the

Hoxne hoard suggest the

treasure belonged to a wealthy family. One of the miniature

strainers has an inscription

which reads Faustine vivas

(long live Faustinus) which

may have been a reference to

were linked with the nearby

Roman town of Villa Faustini,

Michael Wood, the histori-

an, says: "In those days family

silver really meant the family

silver. It is unlikely the trea-

sure came from a temple

because we would expect to

see liturgical artefacts such as

So many coins of such good quality were buried that

now Scole in Norfolk

a candelabra."

Faustinus family. They

Roman period".

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Other estates include (net, before

Mrs Dorothy Emma Thompson, of Painswick, Gloucs 5831,574 Mrs Patricia Elizabeth Barham, of Mrs Edith Louise Chaldeout, of

Nantgaredig, Carmanhen, Dyfed Mr John Fanider, of Carterton,

...£602,620 Mrs Jacqueline Mary Freeman of Much Hadham, Herts.. £696,263 Mr Derek Clifton Kethern, of London SW18 £1,092,309 Winifred Etaine Lewis, of Trentham, Staffs £920,629 Mr William Henry Lowe, of Kenilworth, Warwickshire

Mr Victor Charles Demick, of

Mrs Gwynneth Foester, of Morpeth, Northumberland

Gales blow in rare **US** birds

RARELY-seen species from North America are making the Christmas holiday a busy season for birdwatchers.

Cornwall or Wales, although

some did manage to assimi-

late into the local community.

with their cosseted life in

quieter times. Some Romans

in the 5th century had accu-

mulated such wealth that one

woman, called Melania, had

100,000 slaves spread all over

the empire. Her income in

Britain rivalled imperial

The Suffolk Romans who

buried the Hoxne treasure

may not have been in Melania's league, but their lifestyle would have been

sumptious. Villas had hun-

dreds of slaves and landown-

ers, who inherited or were

given estates as a reward for

military service, probably did

not have to bother with the

By a quirk of British law the

ownership of the treasure is

now sub judice until an in-

quest rules whether it belongs

to the crown and is therefore.

tressure trove. For this to be

granted a jury will have to be

persuaded next year that who-ever buried the treasure

intented to recover it.

day to day administration.

This was a brutal contrast

The latest attraction is a pied-billed grebe on Druridge Pool Nature Reserve, near Cresswell, Northumberland, which has been watched by hundreds of enthusiasts since its weekend discovery. Another of these chunky, diving waterbirds has been present, at the opposite end of the country, at Argal Reservoir, near Falmouth, Corn-

wall, since last month. Both are thought to have been gale-blown across the Atlantic while migrating south from Canada during the nutumn. Before this year there were only 13 accepted records

Ireland. Meanwhile a white-throated sparrow, also most likely to be from Canada, is continuing its stay at Willingham Woods. near Market Rasen, Lincolnshire, where it was found about three weeks ago.
Other transatlantic visitors

reported around the country Over the weekend include four surf scoters, a type of sea duck, off Scotland's Fife coast, three in Largo Bay and one in St Andrews Bay.

In Grampian region, two snow geese were seen near Fraserburgh while, in England, ring-necked ducks were reported from Drift reservoir. near St Just, Cornwall, and on the River Kent at Kendal, Cumbria.

The Bird Information Service yesterday also reported the presence of an American Forster's tern, a seabird re-corded in UK waters just 20 times before, at Ballywalter Beach, Co Down, and a ringnecked duck at Killarney, co. Kerry.

Anniversaries .

BIRTHS: Charles Macintosh, piopineer of water-proofing, Glasgow, 1766; William Ewart Gladstone, prime minister 1868-74, 1880-85, 1886 and 1892-94, Liverpool, 1809; Pablo Casals, cellist, Vendrelli, Spain, 1876.

DEATHS: Thomas is Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury 1162-70, murdered in Canterbury Camedral, 1170; Thomas Syden-Carhedral, 1170; Thomas Sydenham, physician, London, 1689; Brook Taylor, mathematican, London, 1731; Christina Rossetti, poet, London, 1894; Sir William, Osler, physician, Oxford, 1919; Rainer Maria Rilke, poet, Vaimont, Switzerland, 1926; Bden Philipotts, novelist, Broad Chyst. near Exeter, 1960; Paul Whiteman, bandleader, Doylestown, Pennsylvania, 1967; Maurice Harold Macmillan, 1st Earl of Stockson, Prime Minister 1957. Stockton, Prime Minister 1957-63, Sussex, 1986. Radio Luxembourg began broad-casing, 1930.

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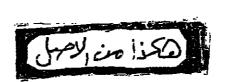
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The Irish Republic changed its name to Eire as the new constitu-tion was implemented, 1937. German planes dropped 10,000 bombs on London, 1940. The first transistor hearing aid

went on sale in America, 1951. A coelacanth, a prehistoric fish believed to be extinct, was caught of the coast of South Africa, 1952.

Knighthood

Mr Justice Colman, QC, is to receive a knighthood on his appointment as a Justice of the High Court.



OBITUARIES

Lord Edmund-Davies PC. High Court Judge, 1958-66: Lord Justice of Appeal, 1966-74; and a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary from 1974 to 1981, has died aged 86. He was born in Mountain Ash, South Wales, on July 15, 1906.

guished criminal lawyers of his generation his generation, Lord Ed-mund-Davies will be remembered by the public at large—
and by a grateful police force—
for his achievements in
three widely differing judicial spheres. He first caught the popular imagination in 1964 when he presided at the trial of those charged with what has gone down in the annals of crime as The Great Train Robbery, and the sentences he handed down to the 12 men convicted of stealing £24 miltion from a Glasgow-London mail train have acquired something of a mythological status for their uncompromising severity.

He next came before the public in a very different light. As a Welshman it was a peculiarly poignant matter for him to be appointed to chair the Tribunal of Inquiry into the Aberfan Disaster in 1966 - doubly so as he was himself a native of nearby Mountain Ash and had affinities with those who found themselves so cruelly bereaved when slag from a coal tip buried a village

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Edmund-Davies's third difficult judicial task arose from his chairmanship of the Home Secretary's Police Inquiry which sat between 1977 and 1979. On the question of police pay, the most important and contentious part of the committee's deliberations. Lord Edmund-Davies was generally acknowledged to have done right by the force when he recommended substantial pay rises for police officers - indeed to have acted with some courage in making those awards both more generous and more speedily to be implemented than the government of the day might, strictly speaking, have wished them to

But these were merely three particularly emotive milestones in a career which took Edmund-Davies from school in Mountain Ash, through a distinguished career at the





criminal bench, eight years as a Lord Justice of Appeal and finally seven years as a Law Lord. Among his peers Edmund-Davies was remarked not only for the wisdom of his judgments but for a brilliancy of intellect which had shown itself from his earliest days, and which would have guranteed him a career in academe had he not chosen the cut and thrust of the outside world and the criminai courts.

He was born Herbert Edmund Davies, the third son of Morgan John Davies and Elizabeth Maud Edmunds. After attending Mountain criminal Bar, war service in Ash Grammar School he werl and recorderships in his native London, and then to Exeter cate General's department following year, at Glamorgan circumstances of the Aberfan Wales to eight years on the College, Oxford. He took his and spent the latter part of the Assizes held at Cardiff, he disaster in which 144 people,

LLB (London) and became a postgraduate research scholar in 1926. He was placed first in the first class in the Bar finals examination. He became LLD (London) in 1928 and BCL (Oxon) and Vinerian scholar in 1929, the year in which he was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn. He also lec-tured and examined in law at LSE for the year 1930-1. As a barrister he built up a thriving practice in Swansea in the

930s. With war douds gathering, he joined the Army Officers' Emergency Reserve in 1938 and in 1940 he was commissioned into the Royal Welch PERMIT the legal branch of the Army first to King's College, seconded to the Judge Advo-and recorderships in his native London, and then to Exeter cate General's department

war as Assistant Judge Advocate General with, from 1944, the rank of lieutenant-colonel. In tandem with his military duties he had also been Recorder of Merthyr Tydfil from 1942 to 1944 and he was subsequently Recorder of Swansea from 1944 to 1953 and of Cardiff from 1953 to 1958, the year in which he became a High Court Judge, Queen's Bench Division.

At the Bar on the Welsh circuit the forensic skills as a defence lawyer of Mr Edmund Davies (as he then was) often made the headlines, in 1952 he successfully defended Widow Roberts in the locallyat Swansea, while in the

represented the defendant against a colourful prosecution for a murder committed at Laugharne. This was enlivened by the poet Dylan Thornas having a word to say for the good character of the accused. The trial was the more remarkable for the fact that the accused, who was a deaf mute. did not, when the not guilty verdict was rendered, at first realise that Davies's advocacy on his behalf had been successful.

On the Bench Mr Justice Edmund Davies became as noted for the incisiveness of his judgments as he had been for the shrewd nature of his pleadings at the Bar. To this were allied qualities of tact, patience, lucid intelligence and stamina which made him the ideal man to preside over long complex trials. As a judge he expressed his philosophy thus: There are those who speak and write as though the sole object of punishment is the reform of the accused. I think this is so exceptionally benevolent as to be capable of being positively mischievous." This might seem to place him on the conservative wing of the judi-ciary, but he always felt that the concern he genuinely had for the rehabilitation of prisoners ought to be balanced by a concern for society at large and the damage suffered by those of its members who were victims of crime.

This showed itself in what was his most famous trial, at Aylesbury, that of 12 men charged with stealing £2½ million from a mail train in Buckinghamshire in August 1963. In sentencing the 12 convicted men to a total of 307 years imprisonment — seven of them for 30 years each — Mr Justice Davies made it clear that he felt the men ought not to be allowed to benefit from the ill-gotten gains of their crime, which they might, if given only short sentences. This approach raised eyebrows in some quarters, but it was based on a deeply-meditated philosophy of sentencing and not on an emotional reaction. Indeed, the judge's evident understanding of the pschychology of the leading members of the accused in this case won him

wide admiration.
One of Edmund-Davies's first tasks on being appointed a Lord Justice of Appeal in the public inquiry into the circumstances of the Aberian

ERIKA BRAUSEN

including 116 children, had been killed. This was an emotive task for a man who had been brought up in the ethos of the valleys, but the choice of someone from such a background was welcomed as a sign that there would be no whitewash. In the event the report of the tribunal placed the blame for the disaster squarely on the National Coal Board and its officials and concluded that the tragedy could and should have been prevented". The tribunal, in a report which pulled no punches, accused coal board officials of repeatedly disregarding warnings about the safety of

the tip, even though a bad slide had already occurred there. The tribunal recommended a national tip safety committee to coordinate research, an inspectorate of qualified civil engineers and fresh legislation to protect the public. In all, his stewardship of the tribunal strengthened Edmund-Davies's reputation as a man of compassion as well as of forthrighmess. This sense of fairness con-

tinued to be in evidence when he became a Law Lord. His forthright approach to the problem of police pay was much admired as being the only honest solution to the problem. Settlements which in some cases meant rises of 45 per cent over two years for individual officers drew hardly any public or press criticism even in a period of extreme economic hardship for the country at large during the twilight of the last Labour government, this was a tribute to Edmund-Davies's grasp of the deep-seated nature of the police grievance over pay. The ladies on the force were not quite so impressed when, in the following year, Edmund-Davies came down against too great an increase in the number of women police officers on the grounds that the fair sex was not strong enough to carry out its duties as effectively as the male.

Retiring in 1981, Edmund-Davies continued active, not reliquishing the pro-chancellorship of the University of Wales which he had held since 1974, until 1985. He was a life governor and fellow of King's College, London, and an hon fellow of Exeter College, Oxford.

married in 1935, died last year. He leaves three daughters.

needed help and she felt

She came to London in

1939 and worked with

Eardley Knollys in his Storran

Gallery in Albany Court Gar-

dens. From there she graduat-

ed to the Redfern Gallery, and

in 1948 she opened the Hano-

ver Gallery in parmership with the wealthy American emigre Arthur Jeffress. Their

tastes were very different, and

before long the partnership broke up, Jeffress going off to set up his own gallery. At this

point the banker Michael

Behrens wandered into the Hanover Gallery, got into conversation with Erika and

by the end of the afternoon

had agreed to give financial

backing.
The vital new movements in

European art were beginning

to filter into a Britain rendered

conservative in its tastes by

years of wartime isolation. Erika, with her wide artistic

contacts throughout Western

Europe, was the perfect person

to remedy this and the trend-

setting exhibitions came thick

Financial problems forced

her to close the Hanover Gallery finally in 1973, but

she continued to work with the

Gimpel-Hanover Gallery in

and fast.

impelled to offer it.

APPRECIATIONS

Ralph Izzard

YOUR obituary of Ralph Izzard (December 15), while comprehensive, could hardly have encompassed all aspects of his often extraordinary behaviour, nor, indeed, his charity in applying such amazing breadth and depth of knowledge of the Middle East mosaic to the benefit of nonjournalist colleagues and friends.

In 1975 I arrived in Bahrain, recently having left the Army at 28 and, although an Arabist, without commercial experience. My job was to set up, from scratch, a public/government relations operation, on a pan-Arab scale, for Cable & Wireless.

Introduced at a Reuters party, I was quickly taken in tow by Ralph who offered to "make a few introductions" around my somewhat daunting new patch. While I knew his status as semi-retired doyen of the Middle East press corps, I quickly learned his real seniority and value when his first introduction turned out to be The Ruler. Ministers of information. commerce, communications and the odd head of state featured in Izzard's induction course, throughout the Gulf and in Egypt and Lebanon.

A year later, having organised the state inauguration of Yemen's first satellite station in Sana'a, I found myself faced with the tricky task of entertaining a group of very senior and hyper-cynical journalists who, having covered the event, were already bored with public executions in Nasser Square and had two days to wait for the next plane out.

Raiph suggested a diver-sionary trip to the pre-Biblical Marib Dam (on which he was, of course, an expert) and I chartered a 40-year-old Dakota from Al Yemda, complete with a Chinese communist pilot who was the sole crew. Having loaded cases of champagne and other "technical equipment" in front of bemused Hajjis (who at one point mistakenly thought we were flying to Mecca and tried to storm the plane) my press



party set off for the foundation of Arabia Felix. We landed on the main road near the dam and after a somewhat desultory dissertation by Ralph, which interrupted a serious picnic, we took off for the Dight back to the medieval capital. Drink had been taken.

A substantial party developed at the rear of the plane and, as we glissaded down through the 14,000 foot mountain passes, banking and diving while those who could still see looked up at the precipitous craggs, the UPITN man pointed out that the pilot had joined our revelry. A Scottish correspondent was dispatched to the cockpit to see who, if anyone, was doing a very good impression of a fighter ground-attack approach.

And there was the elderly AFP/Mail chap, Panama-haited and red-silk neckerchiefed, dutching the control column and a very large glass of whisky with equal ferocity. It is not recorded if Raiph Izzard had any flying qualifications (and, in any case, the Chinese pilot was persuaded to resume his duties).

Many years later, when I was advising General Aoun in Lebanon. I rang Ralph at his home in Tunbridge Wells, and his vociferous recommendation was "...have nothing to do with the Camel Corps at Clive House. . . "

He was right.

Bill Bird

Richard **Tompkins**

WITH regard to the oblinary of Richard Tompkins (Decem-ber 9), I was chairman and chief executive of Tesco at the trading stamps, and I must agree that Richard Tompkins was not only a major influence in British retailing in the 1960s and 1970s, he was also an exceptionally honourable man. One incident typifies his decency and straightforward-

In June 1977 I told him that Tesco were discontinuing the Green Shield contract that had been so successful for each of our companies. We felt it was time to change. Inflation was the number one public worry, we isunched an advertising campaign under Sir John Cohen's name the company's founder, stressing no gimmicks just high quality and low prices. Tesco reverted to its traditional appeal as a value for money grocer.

it wasn't easy to break the news to Richard. We had worked closely together. I knew our decision would hurt him. But not as much as it did. for when I finally got through to him his immediate reaction was to point out that 12 months notice of cancellation was required.

But this was not the case. The 12 months rolling notice period only applied to his side of the contract, not ours.



We enjoyed having a fixed renewal date. It was up seven days later.

Despite the shock waves our decision must have caused his business. Richard accepted the facts with remarkably good grace and always remained a good friend of Tesco. There was no bitterness, no recriminations.

His work for charity was also outstanding. It was a pleasure to have known him.

In your article there was a mention that there was an internal power struggle at Tesco, no such power struggle occurred and in fact we actually used a very large advertising campaign, as I have said above, using Sir John's photograph to keep the record

Sir Leslie Porter

The Rev Alan **Ecclestone**

YOUR obituary of Alan Ecclestone (December 17) is very informative, but the pass-ing reference to "the participa-tory parish meeting" does not do justice to his pioneering of a

movement which has transformed the entire Church of England - namely the Parish Communion (with parish breakfast) as the only service on a Sunday morning, an experience uniting the whole congregation.

Dr Chad Varah

SIR AUBREY ELLWOOD

Air Marshal Sir Aubrey Ellwood, KCB, DSC, AOC in C. Bomber Command, 1947-50, died on December 20 aged 95. He was born on July 3. 1897, at Oakham, Rutland.

THE man put in charge of Britain's first line of defence at the beginning of the Cold War, Aubrey Beauclerk Ellwood began his career as a fighter pilot in the first world war when he shot down eight enemy aircraft. He was one of the last survivors of the Royal Naval Air Service.

The son of a rector, he was commissioned in the air service in 1916 and was awarded the DSC in April 1918 when he transferred to the Royal Air Force, was given a permanent commission and was sent to India for four years.

Returning home, he spent six years on technical duties at the RAF training school in Buckinghamshire before returning to India on flying duties and later as squadron commander for a year. He was then transferred to staff duties. at first in India and subsequently in Britain at the headquarters of Fighter

Command. An instructor at the RAF staff college for several years.



he returned to Fighter Com-mand in 1940 and then became deputy director of bomber operations at the Air Ministry.

Throughout the critical year of 1943, when the U-boar offensive was tackled by the Navy and Coastal Command. he commanded a Coastal Command group in Scotland. He later declared in a lecture to the Royal United Services Institution that the U-boat menace was never defeated and that it strained Allied forces to the utmost even to keep the situation in hand when only 13 of the German submarines were on patrol.

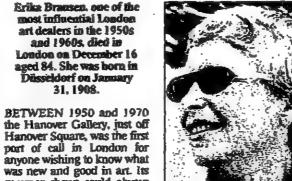
In March 1944 he became senior air staff officer at Coast-

al Command headquarters until just after victory in Europe. During the period while the invasion of France was being organised the main responsibility of the command was to help clear the invasion area and its sea approaches. It successfully protected hundreds of Allied vessels and the U-boats were able to sink only nine ships of the invasion fleet and damage another seven.

With the cessation of hostilities he returned to the Air Ministry as director-general of personnel and in 1947 was put in charge of Bomber Command, then a shadow of its wartime self and suffering in the aftermath of rapid demobilisation. It was short of aircrew and experienced ground crew and its aircraft, chiefly Lincolns and Lancasters, were obsolete.

When the Air Secretary. Arthur Henderson, told the Commons in 1948 that bombers were Britain's first line of defence against the growing Soviet danger, this made Ellwood the key man in the nation's security. Less than a year later the first jet bombers were ordered and he oversaw the service's expansion.

Eliwood married Lesley Matthews in 1920 and they had two sons and a daughter.



summer shows could always be relied on to include major works by Henry Moore, Alberto Giacoment and others such as Marini, Manzu and responses were totally justi-Louise Nevelson, who were fied. She established long first introduced to the British associations with César after public by the gallery.

All of these artists became giving him his first London personal friends of the Hanoshowing and with Eduardo ver's director, Erika Brausen. Paolozzi, climaxing in the They appreciated her enthusiasm and when Moore was

becoming the most famous sculptor in the world he always gave her first choice from his studio for her exhibitions. Nor was she interested only in grand, established figures. She was one of the few gallery directors never to be afraid of making mistakes and was always open to the work of newer, younger, untried artists. If the artist failed to

develop, that was unfortunate

- but frequently her first

major retrospective she arranged in Düsseldorf in 1965. Educated in Düsseldorf she went to study in Paris when she was 20, shocked at the way her contemporaries in Germany were anticipating in their anti-Semitism the coming to power of the Nazis. In Paris she worked with a leftbank bookshop, staging art events and small exhibitions in the basement. She was in Spain during the civil war not because she supported either side but because people there

Zurich until that closed in 1984. Thereafter she lived quietly in London.

At Marlborough-street, before Mr. Denman, Kathleen Dorothy Nicholson, governess, Upper Porchester-street,
 w., was charged on remand with stealing a silk blouse, 14 handkerchiefs, 10 books and a bottle of scent, belonging to Messrs. Selfridge and Co., Oxford-street, W.

Mr. Deruman said the case was a very sad one, but he felt no sympathy with the prisoner, who had provided herself with a carefully-prepared bag to carry out the thefts. She was a person of education and ought to have known better. She would have to go to prison for these executive in the executed division. for three months in the second division. Ellen Wilson, 51, shabbily dressed, was charged on remand with stealing a fancy belt, two pairs of gloves, four

the property of the same firm. She refused to give her address, saying she did not wish to get her

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A "shabbily-dressed woman", a woman "well dressed and wearing furs", and a governess were all sent to prison for three months for stealing items from Selfridge's store in Oxford

daughter in disgrace. She was sen-tenced to three months' imprisonment in the second division.

Jessie Reeves, 42. well dressed, wearing furs, described as a married woman. living in Stroud Green-road, N., surrendered to her bail to answer the remanded charge of stealing eight handkerchiefs, two handbags, two silver chain purses, and other articles of the value of E3 15s. 9d., the property of the same firm.

A solicitor who appeared for the

defence said that the day before the affair the prisoner had been to see her brother who was confined in a lunatic asylum. The interview appeared to have upset her terribly, and when she visited Selfridge's, she could not have known

what she was doing.

Mr. H.G. Wells, a clerk in the Post
Office, said he knew the prisoner through attending the same church. She had hitherto borne the highest character.

Mr. Denman said the difference between this case and the others was that the defendant was apparently more comfortably off. Yet so great was her desire for finery and extravagance that she was found stealing these articles. It was suggested that she was not responsible, but he could not accept that plea. It would be most unjust to the other defendants if he made a distinction of this case. It was a serious thing to find persons of education and position time after time doing this sort of thing. She would have to go to prison for three months in the second division.

Church news

Resignations and retirements The Rev Canon Austin Masters, Canon Residentiary of Hereford Cathedral, Bishop's Co-ordinator for Ministry, and a Prebendary of Hereford Cathedral (Hereford): to retire as from June 30, 1993.

The Rev Graham Lynch-Watson, Vicar, St Paul's, Warwick (Coventry): retired as from August 31. The Rev Don Philpott, Vicar,

St Mary Magdalene, Lillington (Coventry): retired as from October 31. The Rev Derrick Tooby, Vicar, St Andrew's, Eastern Green, Coventry (Coventry): retired as

from October 30. The Rev Canon Desmond Treanor, Rector, Great Bowden, w Welham, Glooston and Crance (Leicester): to retire as

from April 30, 1993 (resigning as Rural Dean of Gartree I as from March 31, 1993). Church of Scotland

The Rev Christopher Legard to Boyndie with Ordiquhill and Cornhill Ordinations and Inductions

The Rev Richard T Corbett to Broxburn The Rev James S A Cunningham to Barlanark Greyfriars,

The Rev Carleen Robertson to Eassie & Nevay with Newtyle The Rev Margaret Yule to Radnor Park, Clydebank Ordained and Introduced The Rev Janet P H MacMahon, Hospital Chaplain at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow.

The Rev David Miller, Associate Minister at Fairmilehead, Edinburgh. with Tough. Remements The Rev Florence Underwood, Assistant at Gladsmuir

with Longniddry. East Darvel Lothian. The Very Rev William J G Introduced McDonald from Mayfield, The Rev Alexander M.

Translations The Rev James S A Cowan from Cockenzie and Port Seton Old to Ardgowan, Gree-

The Rev William Longmuir

from Cairns, Lanark to

Rodger, Prison Chaplain.

Bedrule with Denholm with Minto. The Rev Fraser M C Stewart from Ardler, Kettins & Meigle to Kynmylies, Inverness, The Rev G Alan S Stirling from Hilton, Inverness to

Leochel Cushnie & Lynunk

The Rev Ian M W Collins from Central Parish Church,

Edinburgh: The Rev John H Robertson from North Parish Church.

The Rev John Glover, Chap-lain for the Children's Family Trust has been nominated as Incumbent of Halkyn. Caerfallwch and Rhesycae.

Church in Wales .

The Rev Roger Brown. Vicar of Tongwynlais (Llandaff), to be Vicar of Welshpool and Castle Caereinion (St Asaph).

Thefts from Selfridge's

brooches, a pendant, a pencil-case, and other articles, together of the value of £5.

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Bush threatens military action

President Bush has threatened to take military action against Serbia if the Balkan conflict spreads to the province of Kosovo, where tensions have been rising between Serbs and the ethnic Albanian majority.

His warning to Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, is the first sign that America would be willing to become embroiled in the conflict, and marks an escalation in the verbal war between Washington and Belgrade..... Page 1.6

Protection urged for women officers

The Police Federation has called for better protection for female officers as a policewoman fought for her life in hospital. WPC Lesley Harrison, 29, whose heart was punctured in an attack on Sunday, was said to be in a "very

Speeding up change

John Smith is to speed up modernisation of the Labour party to answer criticism of his "softly softly" style of leadership, but he has refused to be stampeded into making quick solutions to win short-term popular SUDDORT Page 2

Rescuers divided

Lifeboatmen have leapt to the defence of their boats after a crew at Flamborough Head, Humberside, voted to stop manning its station if its 30-year-old allweather boat is replaced by a faster craft. The crew believes that the inflatable boat will be unable to cope with the local

Buying abroad

The Royal Air Force could be operating a fleet of up to 100 aircraft built in Russia and Ukraine by the end of the century under plans now being considered by the Ministry of Defence. Eastern bloc countries are stepping up attempts to break into the commercial and military equipment market Page 4

Asking for help

The parents of Johanna Young. the 14-year-old girl found dead on Saturday in a water-filled pit, said they believed that their daughter knew her murderer. They appealed for witnesses to come forward.... Page 3

Living in fear

Iraq's Shia Muslims say that

still making their life misery, despite the imposition of an air exclusion zone four months ago. They say his forces have carried out mass arrests, house demolitions and long-range artillery bombardments...... Pages 9.13

Chemical phase-out

Hundreds of thousands of high street shops and businesses may face severe difficulties over the next two years because of the accelerated phase-out of chlorofluorocaroons (CFCs), the chemicals that have been destroying the Earth's protective ozone Page 5

Testing time

The Iraqi MiG fighter shot down by an American warplane on Sunday may have been probing American air defences over southern Iraq in an attempt by Baghdad to test American resolve, according to reports from the Pentagon... ... Page 9

Warlords embrace

The leaders of Mogadishu's two warring factions embraced before 10,000 of their jubilant countrymen and proclaimed an end to Somalia's two-year civil

Seeking a deal

President Bush would like his last days in office to be marked by an important arms summit with President Yeltsin, and he has told the Russian leader that he is prepared to be more flexible about objections to the second President Saddam Hussein is strategic arms treaty...... Page 6

Consuming passion in the playroom

Sales of anything from soups to packet noodles may soon rise dramatically because of a new high-technology toy that can be powered by bar codes. Just when parents were learnto share their children with Super Mario. Sonic The Hedgehog and other computer-games characters, Barcode Battler is about to hit the market.



Consumer crush: thousands of shoppers braving the cold in search of sale bargains in London's Oxford Street yesterday. Page 1

BUSINESS

Coel cuts: British Coal has hired consultants to advise the firm on cuts among the 3,000 non-colliery management... Page 32

Swiss blow: Georg Reisch, head of

EFTA, says in a Times interview that the decision by the Swiss not to join the single market threatens economic growth Page 29 BBC competition: Cable Network

News, the American broadcaster, is to double its world budget to an estimated \$80 billion to meet competition from the BBC's new World Page 32 Service Television

SPORT

Bowled out: Aqib Javed, the Pakistan fast bowler, became the first player to be suspended under the International Cricket Council's code of conduct. He was banned for one match after being found guilty of dissent during the one-day international against New Zealand in Napier yesterday. He allegedly

Still unbesten: Manchester United moved into second place in the Premier League yesterday with a 5-0 victory over Coventry City at Old Trafford. Goals from Ryan Giggs. Mark Hughes, Eric Cantona, Lee Sharpe and Denis irwin extended United's unbeaten run to seven .. Page 17

Tamished image: Everton's image as one of the fairest teams in the 2 defeat at Queens Park Rangers when Neville Southall and Paul Rideout were sent off...... Page 17

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BODEN THES

Over and out: Going to sit right down and write myself a letter ... when an agony aunt gets the sack, what is her advice to herself? Virginia Ironside on taking a dose of her own medicine...... Page 10

Private education: With one privatised jail in operation, the captive market-place is seen as a fresh chance for the nation's entrepreneurial spirit, and the education sector is no exception...... Page 10 LAW

A question of knowledge: Fed up with television? Take some mental exercise with The Times/Nabarro Nathanson Quiz of the Legal

estan bearings: The Bolshoi Ballet is taking over the Albert Hall for five weeks from January 9, an opportunity on the grand scale to re-establish itself as a front-rank . Page 23

Factivals of Britain: As evidence grows of widespread uncertainty among administrators, Richard Morrison asks whether the multiplicity of arts festivals is of real value to anybody apart from paid performers.... .. Page 24

Spell of a cast: Benedict Nightingale recalls the most magical moment he experienced in a year's theatre-going, provided by Eileen Atkins in an otherwise uneven National Theatre production. Page 25

Happy families: For a family to be as healthy as possible it should be optimistic, believe in God and be led by a traditional male. That is just one implication of a research project in California that has been studying the effects family life can have on parents' health Page 11.

Side effects: Suffering from a post-Christmas cold? Then you might think twice before buying an overthe counter cure. According to a consultant surgeon some decongestants can render men impotent, albeit temporarily Page 11

Good habits: Dr Thomas Stuttaford on ways to adopt a healthier lifestyle that need not be strenuous

David Rowland, who

chairman of Lloyd's of

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London 4.00 pm to 6.06 am Bristol 4.09 pm to 8.16 am Editburgh 3.46 pm to 8.44 am Manchester 3.57 pm to 8.25 an Penzance 4.28 pm to 8.21 am

An obscure 19th-century opera is relocated in contemporary London. laced with sex and gore and served up in nightly instalments. The Vampyr — A Soap Opera (BBC2.

A flight too far

This week's shooting down of the Iraqì aircraft is just one more reminder that the UN's job is incomplete, and may remain unfinished so long as Saddam sits in Baghdad

Welcome home, Tarka

The otter's return to Devon is an example of sensible conservation. and should act as a model for the rescue of other endangered species, which include, in the long run, Page 13 Man himself

Days of reckoning

(from December 29, 1952) How many times in the last four weeks, and in how many different contexts, have we said "Let's leave it until after Christmas"...... Page 13

JANET DALEY

What was the most serious mistake of the Thatcher era? Not the poll tax or entering the exchange-rate mechanism. More disastrous was the belief that owning property was the route to freedom. Only now, knee-deep in the wreckage caused by that fallacy, are the Conservatives proposing to revive private rented housing Page 12

CONOR CRUISE O'BRIEN

The deportation of the 415 Hamas members is the biggest mistake made by Yitzhak Rabin, during his term as prime minister. That said. some of the international reactions to the deportations have been been excessive, as is often the case when Israel is in the news....... Page 12

"Options for Pudge" is how Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton \$ describes planned reductions in the army's infantry battations. "Happy Christmas, Mum": a Wilmslow reader records her best cracker present everPage 13

The ambitious United Nations effort to make Cambodia viable is in trouble. A successful Cambodian operation could be a prototype for temporary UN administration elsewhere. That gives Washington a powerful incentive to nudge the UN operation back on track

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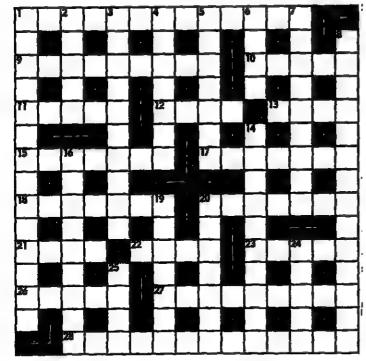
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THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19.113



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- ington (4) 15 A consideration that's funny (7)
- 17 Henry brought before court it's for hoisting a flag (7)
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- answer to clue (5.5)
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- 5 Withdraw from competition with no handicap (7)
- 6 Round ox up, right? (4) 7 Noisy pool with disturbed water suitable for sea bird (9)
- 8 Pupils out walking move quickly, and start to show false emotion
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- another name (5) 25 Initially hooligan elements ab-hor their pursuit by the police (4)

Concise Crossword, page 32:

With unemployment rising steadily, Gillian Shephard is drawing

up fresh government

plans to promote

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WEATHER occasional light rain in northwest Scotland. The rest of Britain will be dry with clear or sunny periods. Freezing fog will linger in places, and is likely to re-form this evening. Another cold day is likely for much of the country. Outlook rain at times over Scotland and Northern Ireland. England and Wales dry with sunny or clear periods, but cloud spreading southeastwards on Thursday.

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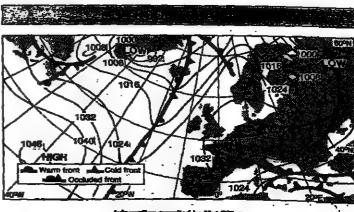
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SPORT 17-22

Aqib Javed given first ICC suspension



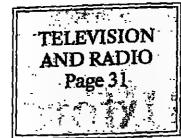
BUSINESS 28-32

Anatole Kaletsky reflects on his 1992 predictions



ARTS 23-25

Eileen Atkins: theatrical magic of the year



TUESDAY DECEMBER 29 1992

Coventry collapse at Old Trafford as Premier League favourites get into their stride

Superb United step up title challenge

Coventry City

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A CROWD of more than 36,000 left Old Trafford yesterday convinced that they had been watching the inaugural Premier League champions, Manchester United An irresistible attacking performance, prompted by an outstanding display from Paul Ince in midfield, reduced Coventry to no more than

Goals from Ryan Giggs, Mark Hughes, Eric Cantona, Lee Sharpe and Denis Irwin extended United's unbeaten run to seven matches and left them second in the Premier League, three points behind Norwich City, the leaders, who were held to a goalless draw by Leeds United.

As Bobby Gould, the Coventry manager, said: "We were beaten by a very good side. I feel I am six years and £60 million behind Alex Ferguson the United manageri. Some of their football was a delight to behold and Paul Ince was a colossus in the midfield, while Cantona has added a new dimension up front."

United's 2-0 half-time lead flattered Coventry's supine performance. Without detracting from United, it was hard, very hard, to believe that Coventry had put eight goals past Liverpool and Aston Villa in their last two games or that Mick Quinn, who barely got a touch yesterday, had scored ten times in his last six Indeed,Steve Ogrizovic, the goalkeeper who team by Jonathan Gould, the manager's son, must have been mightly relieved to be

substitutes/bench. To his credit, Gould Jr undoubtedly kept the score down, limiting the damage with a string of fine saves one from Hughes in particular sticking in the memory. In front of him, the overwhelmed Coventry defence had Gould Sr repeatedly on his feet. despairingly labbing his fingers in their direction.



Floored: Crosby, of Nottingham Forest, left, finds Thorsvedt and Edinburgh, of Tottenham, blocking his path at White Hart Lane yesterday. Report, page 19

veteran left back, will not relish watching the match video. He was given a thorand must have been left dizzy by the young Welshman, de-ployed on his less-preferred right wing. It was Giggs who gave United the lead after six minutes. Ince carved himself a header. Coventry partly cleared the danger, but, before

path down the left and crossed for Cantona to attempt a they could breathe a sigh of relief, Giggs, lurking on the right, curied a shot just inside the far post. Mavericks they may be, but there was nothing to suggest

Kenny Sansom, Coventry's that Hughes and Cantona steran left back, will not cannot function fruitfully in tandem. Quite the contrary: both could have had two goals 2-0 after 40 minutes. Giggs went down the right before cutting inside Sansom, and Cantona fed the ball to Hughes, whose shot eluded Gould. It was Hughes's eleventh goal of the season and his fifth since the Frenchman's

> arrival from Leeds. The gulf in class was emphasised in the 64th minute, when Babb handled Parker's cross in the area and Cantona converted the penal-Fourteen minutes later,

choruses of "Ooh ah" creating United's fourth for Sharpe to beat Gould from six yards. It was Sharpe's first apart, he was a strong contender for man of the match.

Sharpe was, understandably, delighted with his effort. 'I have been disappointed not to have scored in the last few games and it's nice to get off the mark and I have not taken part in a better team performance," he said. "It is so much easier to play when the team is performing like that. We all work for each other and there is a great team

No. 5 in the 87th minute, no one inside Old Trafford be-Indeed, few outside thought that either. As the result echoed around the country, United's title odds were cut by William Hill from 2-1 to 7-4

clear favourities. Alex Ferguson was the ex-ception. "After what happened to us last season, I am not making any predictions about the championship," the Manches ter United manager said. "But the fact we created about 15 chances underlined the confidence in our side. I was apprehensive about Cov-

entry because, with players like Mick Quinn, they have a lot of goals in them, but our third of the pitch. I enjoyed

Perhaps he should send Norwich, Aston Villa and the rest of his rivals a copy of the match video. MANCHESTER UNITED: P Schmeicheit; P Perker, D Invin, S Bruce (sub: M Pheien), L Sherpe, G Pallister, E Cartonie, P Ince, B McClair, M Hughes, R Giggs (sub: A Konchabita)

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COVENTRY CITY: J Gould; B Borrows, P Bebbs, P Atherion, K Sansonn, J Williams (sub: P Atherion, K Sansonn, J Williams, R Picesto, M Cutri, K Berlicher.
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Ipswich fightback, page 19 Liverpool held, page 19

Field day

for Pipe Martin Pipe saddled the first four home in the Coral Welsh National when Run For Free was followed home by stable companions Riverside Boy, Minnehoma and Bonanza Boy. Pipe, who has now

won four of the last five runnings of the Chep-stow race, went on to complete a 602-1 fivetimer at the Gwent course Lord Relic, Side Of Hill and The Black Monk. Pipe's bonanza, page 20

Newcastle lose heavily

Newcastle United suffered their worst defeat of the season when they were beaten 4-2 by Ox-ford United at the Manor Ground. Kevin Keegan's side still has a 12-point lead at the top of the first division as both Tranmere Rovers and West Ham United failed to

On the rack

West Indies are struggling to avoid defeat in the second Test match against Australia. Craig McDermott, the fast bowler, took four wickets in seven overs on the third day at the Mel-bourne Cricket Ground as West Indies were dis-missed for 233, giving Australia a first-innings lead of 162.

Feast of rugby

Leicester won their annual Christmas encounter with the Barbarians 41-23 in a feast of attacking rugby. A crowd of 16,400 at Welford Road witnessed a match containing ten tries, Barbarians avoided a heavy defeat with three tries in the last

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Southall backed by united crowd

EVERTON, who before yes-terday shared the best disciplinary record in the Premier League with Nottingham For-est, had Neville Southall and Paul Rideout sent off as they were beaten 4-2 at Queens Park Rangers. Andy Sinton scored his first hat-trick for the

NA STREET

Southall was dismissed after 18 minutes when Gerald Ashby, the referee, judged him guilty of denying Les Ferdinand a scoring opportunity when he handled outside the penalty area. But the ball was rolling away from Ferdinand and Dave Watson blocked his

path to goal anyway.
The crowd showed their disgust at the decision by giving Southall a standing ovation as he trudged off

Everton had previously had only nine bookings in 21 Premier League matches, but could have had less cause for complaint when Rideout folfore the break after appearing to aim a kick at Darren

Sinton showed touches of the form that earned him an England place when he swooped to score in the 22nd, 51st and 89th minutes, but Rangers made heavy weather of capitalising on a three-goal lead against nine men.

At Ayresome Park, Osborn hammered the winner as Crystal Palace continued their revival with a sixth successive victory. Middleshrough dominated but found Martyn in tremendous form in the Palace goal before Osborn volleyed home in the 63rd

A second-half strike from Hirst, their England international, sealed the points for Sheffield Wednesday at The Dell, giving them at 2-0 lead before Monkou pulled one back for Somhampton 11

Norwich rue a missed penalty Leads United.....0 Norwich City......0

ALTHOUGH Norwich will enter the new year with a three-point advantage at the head of the Premier League, the fact that they are still able to boast such a lead after accruing two points from their last four games, in which they have failed to score, speaks volumes for the shortcomings of some of those teams in

Indeed, Norwich might have had a five-point cushion had Bowen not missed a penalty early in the game. But Leeds, the fumbling and falli-ble defending champions, would, with some justification. been able to plead gross injustice had they tumbled to yet another defeat.

For despite the clumsiness of most of their approach play, they enjoyed the lion's share of the possession and made most

before another capacity crowd, But, if nothing else, the game may well have helped to convince the Leeds players that enthusiasm, when not allied to a sense of purpose and direction, does remain a

largely redundant commodity at this level. Howard Wilkinson. Leeds manager, had officially pronounced dead his team's chances of retaining the title after Saturday's defeat by Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park, the seventh reverse in nine outings.

In yesterday's pre-match address to the faithful, Wilkinson, in suitably reverential tones, had expressed his disappointment at recent events while re-emphasising his faith in the abilities of those players who have been instrumental in transforming the fortunes of the Yorkshire club over the past four seasons.

However, with the halfway point in the present campaign

of the chances in what was a now past, and with relegation rather shabby spectacle to set still a possibility, if remaining still a possibility, if remaining highly unlikely, it is difficult to see how much longer the phrase, "It will eventually come right", can be bandied around Elland Road with any

degree of conviction. With 20 games remaining, time could not be said to be running out, but even so, the patience of supporters who have become accustomed to better things, is clearly begin-

ning to wear thin.

Predictably. Mike Walker, the manager of Norwich, was largely unconcerned about the fate of his hosts. "We are the best side in it so far, but I willhave to wait for another two months before I can say if we have a chance to go on and win it," he said.

"At the moment, the pressure is still very much on those other teams who are expected to be up where we are, at the

Norwich's chance to win a fractured game of much effort but of no discernible quality

came and went in the tenth minute when the referee. Philip Don, an annoyingly overpedantic figure, decreed Sterland's challenge on Fox to

It was, perhaps, a somewhat harsh assessment, and many thought that justice had prevailed when Bowen's kick drifted several feet wide of

Lukic's left-hand post. Thereafter, Leeds pushed and cajoled their way to within sight of their opponents' goal before shooting from a variety of unsympathetic angles and

distances. Tactically naive though the ploy may have been, it almost proved to be successful on several occasions, notably 14 minutes before the final whistle, when a Sterland volley missed its intended target by a massed its interfoed target by a matter of ordy a few inches.
LEEDS UNITED: J Likic, M Sterland, A Oorloo, D Betty, C Franciough, D Westperal (suc. J Newsome), G Stractura, I Varada, L Chapman, G McAllister, G Speed, NOAWICH CITY B Gaurri Lowethouse, M Bowen, R Newman (suc. D Such), J Poiston, G Megoon, I Crook, C Sutton, M Robbis, R Fox, D Philips.
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Yeovil warm up for Arsenal with win in local derby



AMID the housing and industrial estates on the outskirts of Yeovil, a futuristic construction breaks the skyline. At first glance, it looks like a hypermarket. But this is Huish Park, home of Yeovil Town since 1990 and the venue for the most fascinating of Saturday's FA Cup third-round ties. Yeovil. of the GM Vamhall Conference, against Arsenal, of the

Premier League. Yeovil know all about Cup fever - they hold the non-League record of 16 victories over League opposition - and yesterday, five days be-fore the main event queues snaked around the ground.

As cagerly as derby matches against Bath are awaited, the game was not the attraction. Vouchers for the Arsenal match were the prize. "I can't believe it-Quening to get in to a Yeovil game," one disbelieving regular muttered before trudging off 200 yards to the end of the line.

Huish Park is not the ground of old, with its slippery, sloping pitch on which so many reputations have modern stadium, it will not intimidate Arsenal or make their players claustrophobic. "At the old place, the fans

could almost touch the players," Bryan Moore, the Yeovil chairman, said. They could almost pinch the ball out of a player's hands when he was taking a throw-in." Yeovil almost folded 11 months ago and the luck of

the draw will ease the financial burden. But they have been careful to avoid the outcry that accompanied Arsenal's last trip to Somerset 22 years ago, when the admission fee ballooned from six to 30 shillings. This time, it has only doubled, to

Yeovil, managed by SteveRutter, have already coined it in since overcoming Hereford in the second round. Some 5,495 turned up to collect their vouchers against Bromsgrove and 6,488 - a record league gate for the club - attended yesterday. A full house of 8,400 will watch Arsenal.

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, would have winced at Yeovil's aggression, which showed no let-up against Bath, despite the proximity of the big day. Spencer, a predatory for-

ward, scored both goals in the 2-1 win, the second, a vicious volley, coming a minute from time.

At the back, Yeovil look calm and assured. Coles, the goalkeeper, had little chance with Bath's equaliser after Gill's shot had taken two deflections.

A happy crowd drifted off into the cold, night air, local pride satisfied and hoping the best is yet to come. YEOVIL TOWN: D Coles; W Dobbins, Shancool, M Shall, P Ferris, N Coales, Sanderson (sub: P Nevin), P Batty, Wilson, M Spencer, S Harrower.

BATH CITY: D Mogg: D Painer, G Dicks, D Singleton, R Crowley, R Cousins, C Banks, I Weston, G Withey, G Smerr, J Gill. Referent: T Stevens.



RESULTS AND TABLES

FOOTBALL

Oxford resist attempted comeback by Newcastle

NEWCASTLE United, the runaway leaders of the first division, suffered their worst defeat of the season yesterday - and only their fourth in 23 league games — when they were beaten 4-2 by Oxford United at the Manor Ground.

In a thrilling encounter, Newcastle twice trailed by two goals before hauling themselves back into contention, before a spectacular free kick by Jim Magilton eight min-utes from the end killed them

Kevin Keegan's side still has a 12-point lead at the top of the table for both their nearest pursuers, Tranmere Rovers and West Ham United, failed

John Durnin ran from what looked an offside position to give Oxford the lead, but there was no doubting the quality of the second, five minutes later. when Beauchamp raced past three defenders and Cusack hit home the cross.

Newcastle replied immediately with a spectacular 20yard voiley by O'Brien, but after 34 minutes Howey was adjudged to have brought down Allen, and Magilton converted the penalty.

Again Newcastle struck back, through Lee Clark six minutes before the break, but although the visitors swarmed forward in the second half, they created few chances against a defence well-marshalled by Melville and Evans. Keegan said afterwards:

"We were below our best and a couple of dubious decisions didn't help. Durnin was two yards offside for the first goal and Steve Howey is adament he didn't foul in the penalty

"Oxford worked hard. They played good football and deserved to win, but they got the decisions and we didn't.

chance to make up ground by losing 3-1 to Barnsley at Oakwell after conceding a goal within 30 seconds. Their cause was not helped when reliable, missed a fiftieth-

West Ham seemed to have their game against Luton Town at Upton Park won when Breacker lashed in a fierce 20-yard shot against his former dub to make it 2-0 after 66 minutes. But straight from the kick-off, Hughes burst through to beat Miklosko. Three minutes later Luton drew level when Dreyer flicked on a corner from the right and the referee. Mike Pierce, ruled that the ball had crossed the line.

'It was unprofessional," Billy Bonds, the West Ham manager said. We fell asleep and paid for it. All we needed was to defend sensibly for five

Guy Whittingham, outh striker who is the leading goalscorer in England, took his tally to 29 with two of their goals in a 4-2 victory over Derby County at the Baseball Ground.

Whittingham, who scored all four goals against Bristol Rovers on Boxing day, took just seven minutes to open his account, Portsmouth going on to win with two goals from Alan McLoughlin late in the

Millwail never looked like losing their unbeaten home record against fellow promotion contenders Leicester City. winning 2-0, while Bremford stretched their unbeaten run to nine games by drawing 1-1 away to Notts County.

Don Goodman celebrated his return from injury with his sixth goal of the season as Sunderland pulled further away from relegation worries with a 2-0 home win over Grimsby. Bristol Rovers, still in a state of shock after their meeting with Whittingham, went down 2-0 at home to Southend United.



Rare error: John Aldridge, the Transmere Rovers forward, missed a penalty in the fiftieth minute as his team were beaten 3-1 by Barnsley at Oakwell yesterday

Stoke keep up their winning sequence

Rotherham United.

By Dennis Shaw

THE temptation to regard promotion and probably the second division championship as a formality for Stoke hardens with every favourable reteam which gives the impression of having forgotten bow

Rotherham, second in the division before Saturday's postponement, were the victims of Stoke's seventh successive victory in an unbeaten sequence of 18 stretching back to September 2.

Ending the year with a ninepoint lead at the top, Stoke are of monopoly of their promotion issue as Newcastle United in the division above. As the weeks have passed

and the wins have rolled in we have started to look extremely difficult to beat," Lou Macari, the Stoke manager, said in huge understatement. We have a few problems in terms of injuries and suspen-

sions ahead, but if we get more gates of 21,000, like today, we strengthen our squad." Teams managed by Macari

never allow style and presentation to interfere with the basic need to pile up the points. His present outfit fits into that mould with its hunger for possession, willingness to run for 90 minutes and uncompli-

chieving much the same kind cated manner of relentlessly moving forward.

Rotherham arrived with an impressive record of their own. having lost only twice in the previous 18 starts. For much of the first half they matched Stoke in the pursuit of posses-sion and might have taken an early lead when Laws failed to

accept an inviting opening. Rotherham, indeed, looked capable of the more controlled football had Stoke allowed was only when, in the 41st minute. Beeston headed in a finely-placed chip by Russell on the left that Rotherham were increasingly chasing a

There persisted the lingering danger of Rotherham's effort being rewarded with a

who was required to perform the heroics at the other end. In the space of one spell of

60 seconds, he saved from Gleghorn, Foley and Sandford. His most spectacular stop, however, was from a deflection by his own defend-er, Johnson. Home supporters' fears were not finally removed until the 81st minute

when Foley hit the roof of the net from 20 yards. anxious than we were," Macari said.

PRICE CITY: R Sinclair, J Butler, L Sandrod, I Craneon, V Overson, N Gesprom, S Folley, K Russell, M Stein, D Ruge, C Boeston.
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Chatfield proves inspirational

HULL Kingston Rovers eased Chatfield's kick was chased by their relegation fears, winning 17-10 yesterday at Wakefield Trinity to pull two points clear from Leigh at the bottom of the Stones Bitter champion-. ship first division (Christopher

Gary Chatfield, the scrum half, inspired the win. He created first-half tries for David Liddiard and Andy Thompson and scored the decisive touchdown three minutes from time after Wakefield had rallied in the second half. Rovers opened the scoring after live minutes when

the centre, Liddiard, who won the race to touch down. Paul Speckman increased their lead with a dropped goal. opening up an 11-point ad-vantage when Chatfield's pass put Thompson away. Mike

Fletcher added the goal. Trinity pulled themselves back just before half-time when the wing. David Jones, went over. On the hour, they cut the deficit to one point. The scrum half. Geoff Bag-nall, slipped the ball to Paul Round, who charged over. Peter Benson added the goal.

Chatfield's match winner came when he collected the ball from a scrum 20 yards out, burst through, and Fletcher kicked the goal.

In the day's other match, Dewsbury moved into second place in the third division behind Ryedale-York after defeating Batley 8-0 at home. The Widnes forwards, Kurt

Sorensen and Harvey Howard, face fitness checks for tonight's rearranged Regal Trophy third-round tie at Valley Parade against Bradford Northern, who hope to have Deryck Fox at scrum half.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Washington wait for Viking test

BY ROBERT KIRLEY

THE Washington Redskins will open the defence of their Super Bowl championship against the Minnesota Vikings next weekend when the National Football League play-offs begin.

Washington, who have looked sharp only sporadically, lost their last two games and backed into the race for a place in Super Bowl XXVII when the Green Bay Packers fell 27-7 to the Vikings on Sunday. The Redskins and the Packers have records of

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nine wins and seven defeats. but Washington received the wild-card play-off berth because of a better record against National Football Conference rivals. Minnesota. who earned a division championship last week, lost to Washington at home, 15-13. on October 25. On Sunday, the Philadel-

phia Eagles will play away to the New Orleans Saints. The Dallas Cowboys and the San Francisco 49ers, winners of their divisions, received byes into the second round. The 49ers hosted the Detroit Lions last night in a game that had no bearing on the play-offs.

In the American Football Conference (AFC), the Kansas City Chiefs visit the San Diego Chargers and the Buffalo Bills, Super Bowl runners-up the last two years, will host the Houston Oilers, who beat them 27-3 on Sunday. The Pittsburgh Steelers and the Miami Dolphins, AFC division winners, have first-round IN BRIEF

Chittenden's lead extends

John Chittenden and his crew on Nuclear Electric are within 1,000 miles of Hobart and have victory in their sights on the second stage of the British Steel Challenge yacht race around the world.

Chittenden's team extended

its lead by six miles overnight over Commercial Union and holds a 75-mile lead starting to cross the Tasman Sea. □ New Zealand Endeavour's hopes of breaking the Sydney to Hobart race record evaporated yesterday in light headwinds off the Tasmanian coast. Grant Dalton, the skipper, admitted at 7pm last night that it was impossible for the yacht to break the record of two days 14hr 36min 56sec.

German threat

Swimming: The German federation has threatened to sue the world governing body. Fina, unless it lifts an 18month ban on Astrid Strauss, who is accused of doping. Fina imposed the ban, even though Strauss had already served a six-month suspension given by the federation.

Splashing out

Diving: Gao Min. of China. the double Olympic springboard champion, has announced her retirement from competition at the age of 22. and sold the gold medal she won at the 1991 world championships to raise money for Beijing's bid to host the Olympic Games in 2000.

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Skiing: Petra Kronberger, the double Olympic Alpine chara-pion, has decided to recognition competition at the spe of 23. The three-times World Cup winner said she was not motivated enough to continue

Doubts about Guentchev cast cloud over Ipswich



MORE than ever, Ipswich Town will be hoping that the Bulgarian Football Association has not been economical with the truth. Bontcho Guentchev, whose qualifying credentials for a work permit are under scrutiny by Lancaster Gate, scored the first of Ipswich's two goals in the last ten minutes of a spectacular 2l victory over Blackburn Rovers at Portman Road

Starting in only his second match, it was Guentchev's first goal for his new club and throughout he was mobile and imaginative, even if his three previous goalscoring openings had been snatched at and mis-hit. That did not deter his confidence, nor the crowd's enthusiasm for him.

and neither did the six stiches in his shin at half-time Doubts remain about

whether Guentchev has the required number of international appearances to conform with work permit regulations - which could be withdrawn - but there was no doubt about his nimble overhead shot, with his back to goal, that put Ipswich level seven minutes after Wegerle had snatched the lead for Blackburn.

The Ipswich management of John Lyall and Mick McGiven are self-evidently embarrassed by the question mark over Guentchev. At his post-match press conference. McGiven was evasive to the point of being surly, eventually turning on his heel. This



DAVID MILLER

Chief Sports Correspondent

Ipswich are in a marvellous pansive public relations, on the club's outstanding performance following promotion and their potential challenge

for the Premier League title. The lob by Kiwomya, with Blackburn's goalkeeper Minms stranded way off his line, brought Ipswich's largest crowd of the season, 21,431, Yet the first 70 minutes had chances, speiling tactics and more unintentional ricochets than you will see in a public

bar game of snooker.
Wegerle's goal, a surprising snap shot from 23 yards when unmarked, was one of only three his side had in the match — the others coming from a header by Marker that grazed the crossbar midway through the first half and half-time, partied by Baker.

too much on the inelegant character of much of the match. The result widens Blackburn's gap behind Nor-wich City to four points and narrows Ipswich's to five and as Kenny Dalglish observed afterwards, any team is going to find it difficult to break down lspwich's compact. compensive formation. For a while, however, it had looked as though Blackburn might give Ipswich a taste of the medicine that Lyall's team

Norwich. Ipswich have a mixed personality. Their more rugged face was apparent at Carrow Road; now, they continuously attempted to construct penetrating moves, primed by

had prescribed a week ago for

Williams and Dozzell from the centre of midfield, thrusting the more negative obligations upon Blackburn. For 20 minutes prior to Wegerle's goal, the game had been flowing wholy towards Minns and the resolute Hendry in front of him. Besides Moran, Blackburn

were also without Shearer, out of action, Dalglish hopes only briefly, with a knee injury. Wegerle worked energetically to fill the breach and, each side of half-time, had Ipswich scrambling to cover their

Then the home team took charge, with Kiwomya lead-ing Hendry and company a dance, only for Blackburn to iumo in front.

corner on the left, Kiwomya hit the underside of the bar and a sea of Blackburn bodies, like some frenzied gathering of crowds, lashed out with random limbs to hack the ball away. From an immediate throw on the right, Johnson put the ball back in the middle and Guentchev seized his moment

The winner came as Mimms advanced 12 yards or more, only to miss a cross and Kiwomya, with calm presence of mind, lobbed for the empty net, Hendry help-

ing the ball in.

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Spoils shared as Liverpool end losing run

Vintage strike by Rush improves spirits at Anfield

Manchester City......1

By DAVID POWELL

IN THEIR next match, Liverpool begin their defence of the FA Cup and, increasingly, their season appears to depend on another appearance at Wembley. Yesterday, they stopped the rot which had set in during their previous two matches, but the champion-

ship still looks a long way off.
"The FA Premier League championship is not decided until May." Graeme Souness. the Liverpool manager, said in a brief statement of hope in his programme notes. A goal of spectacular quality by lan Rush, after Manchester City had gone ahead, keeps those

hopes flickering.

But Liverpool could have done with three points after their 5-1 defeat at Coventry City, preceded by their elimi-nation from the Coca-Cola Cup. Souness made two changes, Nicol replacing Wright and McManaman ousting Stewart.

In the first quarter of an hour, City were overrun, but the early portents did not look good for Rush, who had scored only twice in the league this season. He headed wide from a Walters cross then had a teasing fourteenth-minute delivery by Redknapp

Platt return after surgery delayed

DAVID Plant's return to firstplayers threatened to strike. igam ioodali with Juveni after surgery on his knee may be delayed by complications after the operation. Platt, who had some cartilage removed last month, is nursing an inflammation which is likely to push his expected comeback date, the dub announced

Platt was expected to resume action on Sunday when Juventus play Parma at home in a league match. He may also miss the next league game, against Sampdorla.

Meanwhile, Marco van Basten, the European football-er of the year, will be out of action for three months instead of the expected two after an ankle operation, his sur-geon, Rene Marty, said at St Moritz yesterday. Marty said the operation on the AC Milan player's left ankle had been more extensive than planned and the wound would take longer to

Valery Lobanovsky, who managed the Soviet Union in three World Cup finals tournaments, has been dismissed as the coach of the United Arab Emirates team after his

to boycott the national side if he stayed in charge.

Fourteen players from Alba-nla's Under-21 side stayed in Germany after a European championship match last week, an Albanian diplomat said yesterday. Simon Vogli, the first secretary at the Albanian embassy in Bonn, said five of the players were given permission to join their family there for new year's eve. However, a police spokesman said. they understood all 16 players in the squad failed to return to Tiranha and he expected them all to request asylum.

Last year, ten members of an Under-16 Albanian team absconded while in Ger-

A court in Bologna yesterday gave suspended two-year prison sentences to two men-- for causing the death of an English football supporter. John Monaghan, during the 1990 World Cup finals. Monaghan, 26, from Coventry, died at the Bellaria hospital on June 26, 1990, two days after being knocked over by a car following a scuffle with the two

drive from the edge of the area, the ball missing the bar narrowly and rising all the way over the first row of the Kop. In the biting cold. Barnes were his black gloves and, on 80 minutes, he was burying his head in them. Unmarked from three yards out, he headed over what should have been the winner.

The early onslaught over. City began to show their worth. Flitcroft angled a low shot past Hooper but beyond the far post. Then Hooper blocked Quinn as the Liver-pool defence returned briefly to holiday mode.

White had a seemingly good goal disallowed for off-side against Fincroft before Quinn headed City ahead after 39 minutes. Two min-utes later, Anfield was shouting its anger at Rush for failing to convert a cross from

Bjornebye.
The break brought out new Rush. Four minutes of the second half had been played when he crashed in a volley from 12 yards out. "It was worth the entrance money to see a goal like that -it was a fabulous strike," Peter Reid.

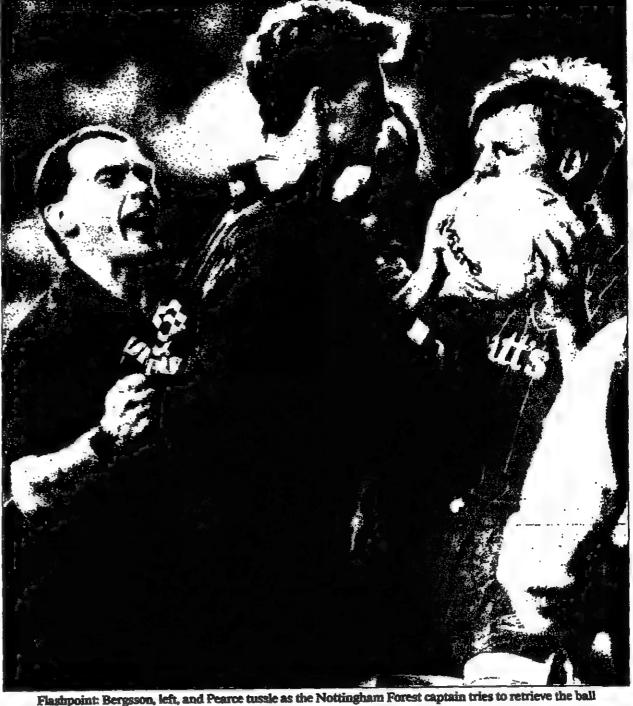
the City manager, said.

Reid added that he thought City deserved three points, but it was difficult to agree. It was a competent performance, es-pecially by the defence in which Curie was excellent, but Liverpool's midfield had the edge.
McMahon was fortunate

not to have been sent off for his second bookable offence. In the sixtieth minute, he brought down Rush and was booked. Two minutes later, he felled Redknapp but escaped with a brief word from the City, now tenth, one place

ahead of Liverpool, have re-covered well from farce successive defeats. This was their second draw in three matches, with a victory over Sheffield United in between.

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Wimbledon fire blanks in the gloom

By KEITH BLACKMORE

WATCHING Wimbledon on a freezing December afternoon can be few people's idea of fun, particularly when the match is held up by 20 minutes because of a floodlight failure, but nearly 15,000 were at Selhurst Park sterday, the club's biggest home gate this season.

Those hardy souls may have seen no goals but there were plenty of other talking points. Not the least of these was the way Wimbledon, who had lost

five of their previous eight games, outplayed Chelsea. with only one defeat in their

previous 14. Wimbledon might have gone 'ahead after only ten minutes. Sanchez found Fashanu six yards out but Hitchcock parried the shot. Fourteen minutes later the actors replayed the same

Chelsea had their moments.

but when they moved forward they lacked ideas. Harford was still out injured and Le Saux had been dropped and fined two weeks' pay (an estimated £3,000) for throwing his shirt into the dug-out after being substituted on Saturday. Their best attack came in the seventh minute when Newton's pass gave Myers the chance to thump a shot which Segers did well to

palm away. Vinnie Jones, against one of his many exclubs, was booked for dissent. but his passing troubled Chel-sea throughout. By the 67th minute, Jones and Co were scenting victory and Joe Kinnear, Wimbledon's man-ager, sent on both substitutes in search of three points. But then the lights went out. For 20 minutes it stayed that way, and when they came on again Wise shot wide from

20 yards.

sion of corners before creating the best chance of the match. Jones deared upfield and Fashamu sent in Miller, who ran uncoposed into the penalty area. There Hitchcock waited and once again saved Chelsea's day.

Kinnear was exasperated. "We did enough to have won it," he said. They were there for the taking and we let them off. We've done it so many times this season."

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Forest fall to late goal

Tottenham Hotspur...... Nottingham Forest......... 1

BY DENNIS SIGNY

A FIRST goal of the season from Gary Mabbutt four minutes from time gave Tottenham victory in an absorbing match and ensured that Forest go into the new year ma-rooned at the foot of the

Premier League. Gordon Durie - "not in the right frame of mind to play according to the Tottenham management and excluded from the squad -- was scarcely missed. Nick Barmby, 18, underlined his potential in Durie's position by scoring the opening goal and providing

the pass for the winner. it seems unthinkable that Forest, whose passing move-ments were a delight, should be at the foot of the table. Roy Keane was the outstanding player on view and, if Forest are puzzled by the way things are going, they should per-haps reflect on a catalogue of missed chances in this game.

Forest, inevitably perhaps suffered for their profligacy after 36 minutes when Barmby, after an exchange of asses with Sheringham, shot fottenham ahead. However, Tottenham then missed sev-

second half, Forest assumed command and carved endless chances. Gemmill finally equalised after 73 minutes with a 25-yard shot that went in off a post. Forest's joy,

though, was short-lived. Not for the first time over the holiday programme, however, controversy overshad-owed the day's football. This time, Pearce, the Forest and England captain, was in-volved in an angry-looking confrontation with Gudni Bergsson, Tottenham's lcelandic international substitute, in the final minutes.

Bergsson, who was then sent on as a late substitute, said: "I was just keeping the ball in my slow loclandic way. He bumped me about a bit and I squared up to him. We had a nice staring match. He was in a hurry and I was not." The referee took no action.

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☐ Statistics refer to Premier League matches only. This is clearly very serious,"

ATHLETICS

Cat and mouse game could run and run

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

ROBERT Hamilton-Jones, the British runner who at the weekend defied his suspension for a drugs offence by taking part in the Cardiff tenkilometre road race, was warned yesterday by the Brit-ish Athletic Federation (BAF) that every step possible would be taken to prevent him from competing again while the ban is in force.

Hamilton-Jones, 22, a county standard runner, used his relative anonymity to slip the net of officialdom. The organisers in Cardiff had no idea that the Robert Hamilton-Jones signing in at the late entries desk was a banned athlete; but his challenge to the athletics authorities that he

would do it again will be met. David Bedford, the secretary of the BAF, said that the British governing body would need to check that Hamilton-Jones ran in Cardiff and insisted that, if it is confirmed, "strong and immediate ac-

tion" would be taken.

taken to ensure that it cannot happen again." Hamilton-Jones believes that he will be able to get away with it on many more occasions. After failing to provide a

specimen for a drugs test at a GRE Cup match last year, Hamilton-Jones was banned for life. His sentence was later reduced to four years when the BAF put a four-year ceiling on suspensions for first-time offenders.

It is unthinkable that the "contamination" rule will result in action being taken against those who ran against Hamilton-Jones in Cardiff. Guilt requires those competitors to have known they were up against a suspended athlete. This was clearly not the

The BAF's next step will be an attempt to ensure that nobody in British athletics is ignorant of the case. "By competing, he is putting other

Leicester preserve traditional spirit

Leicester... Barbarians.

By DAVID HANDS

SOME traditions remain firmly in fashion. Leicester's annual Christmas encounter with the Barbarians is one and at Welford Road yesterday 16.400 spectators returned home replete with ten tries and a feast of joyous, attacking

That it lacked the stern Intensity of the competitive league fixture is not in doubt, but such a fault is often the product of a commitment to attack, which, in this game, saw the ball in perpetual motion as Leicester, with their first victory over the guest's side for three years, won by four goals, two tries and a penalty goal to four tries and a

At one stage, it looked as though Leicester would romp away to a margin greater than their record success, 29-3 in 1910 - a year after the fixture refereeing by Jim Fleming helped the Barbarians to three tries in the last quarter, restoring some dignity at least.

Once upon a time. Leicester's December was devoted to fine-tuning for this match; yesterday, they had not seen their first team for a month, yet they came together as though there had been no divisional hiatus, moving the ball with splendid confidence.

However, an Achilles' heel was apparent throughout the first half as the Barbarian lineout jumpers soared away to a 14-5 lead, much of their success coming from Cabannes at the tail, which served to emphasise the point made by Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, that Back is too small to challenge

BY GERALD DAVIES

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ing all square, both sides

scoring a goal, a try and three

Although there were a

couple of late changes, Meek

coming in as hooker for

Jenkins in the East side and

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sterday. In an attempt to

West Wales.



Finders keepers: Garforth, the Leicester prop, claims the ball at the bottom of a pile of players against the Barbarians yesterday

pathies lay. Every time the fair-haired flanker had his hands on the ball, a ripple ran through the packed stands and, since Back gets to parts of the field others seldom reach. that was often. Indeed, this kind of game was a perfect showcase for his talents.

Leicester produced a vivid portrait, backs and forwards combining in a blur of movement which occasionally took themselves by surprise. Once they had overcome a fit of knock-ons, though, their con-

Bowling on the West wing for Simon Davies, the 24,000

crowd at the Arms Park en-

loyed an enterprising match

full of movement and purpose.

same as saying that it served to

clarify matters for the selectors.

The West back row, represent-

ing a likely Welsh combina-

non, had it far from its own

way. Davies, at No. 8, was not

as conspicuous as Legge and if

Webster had a terrier-like dog-

the-match award playing at

scrum half against the distin-

guished Moon. If there was

indicate rising standards and

the increasing choice of play-

ers in a number of positions.

the lineout remains the weak-

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much that was encouraging to

Howley won the man-of-

gedness then so did Stone.

However, this is not the

moreover, their midfield picked holes in the Barbarian defence that allowed the two England wings full reign: the Underwood brothers were as likely to turn up on their wrong wings and it was on the right that Rory scored only his third try of the season.

est. There is no dominant

The position which Welsh-

men still regard above all

others, that of stand-off-half,

remains a conundrum. Jen-

kins and Adrian Davies had

well-judged games without

being able to raise the extra

spark to differentiate from the

vies's try separated him from

the 11 points Jenkins scored

As if to underline this con-

test within a contest, they

opened the scoring by ex-

changing penalty goals. In between these kicks, Walker,

joining the East threequarter

line from left to right, scythed through the middle and had Bidgood not fumbled his pass

a try was in the offing. After

other. On this occasion Da-

Three of the Barbarian pack played at Welford Road ten days ago for the Midlands, but four of their colleagues then opposed them now. However, Lloyd let nobody get the better of him at the lineout and

figure here.

Lineout remains a Welsh weakness

captain of the Barbarians for the day, set an example in defence and attack.

The day, though, was Leicester's They led 17-3 at the interval, Liley taking only the mark when he chipped past Hastings to touch down. Wells, returning after a month away, was a popular scorer of the second try, but an even greater cheer was reserved for Garlorth when he was forced over for the score which opened the second half.

the penalties, the winger came

auntily from right to left at

walking pace and with a deft

sidesten opened a huge gap

again. His name must surely

one movement, compounded

matters a few minutes later

when his poor pass in midfield

went adrift and allowed Ha

to sprint for a try, which

effectively from a scrum close

to the West's line and with

everyone wondering where

the likely Welsh back row were

at the time, Stone scored his

penalty by Davies had extended the West's lead. But the

score was to remain close

between two equally balanced

teams. Copsey's try, after the foundation had been laid by

Stone, was converted by Jen-

kins, who also kicked another

penalty. Davies re-entered the

scene to score a try which had

been prepared by Stuart Da-

vies, the excellent Howley and

Bowling, before a penalty each

by the stand-offs closed the

Dy The Stand-Ons closed the Barne. Sconers: East Wales: Thes: Stone. Cooker, Conversion: Jerlans Penalty goalst. Jerions (3) West Wales: Fries: Hal. A Dates of Danes (5) EAST WALES, M. Rayer (Cardiff). A Harriss (Factoriage: F. Bidgood (Reupon). M. Rang (Cardiff). N. Walker (Cardiff). N. Jerions (Purkyindid, R. Moon (Landik cautain reginal Moore Cardiff). M. Griffiths (Cardiff). N. Meek (Fontypool). L. Muster (Pontypool). H. Stone (Faciff). S. Legge (South Wales Porce).

M Budd (Carchi), S Legge Grown
Porce)
WEST WALES: I Jones (Lanelit, S
Bowling (Hearin, M Hall (Carchi), N Davies
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(Swansea), S Davies (Svansea), and

However, by the interval, a

Moon and Legge combined

Bidgood, having fouled up

be pencilled in.

Davies converted.

try for the East.

from Rowntree and Cockerill, his front row colleagues, which may not be everybody's idea of a reward, but the try which brought the house down was still to come: Johnson won a lineout 15 metres from his own line and Rory Underwood made the break which send Liley sprinting to halfway: Tony Underwood stayed with him and completed the 89-metre move by outpacing Jean-Marc Lafond and any other Barbarian who could still raise a head of

Scottish concern eased by late rally

Ireland A Scotland A.

PROM ALAN LORUMER

SCOTLAND, having recently beaten Italy, collected another A victory, against Ireland at Lansdowne Road yesterday, in an important match in the build-up to the five nations' championship. The Scots' triumph was achieved with a second-half display which included four tries. At one

stage, they had trailed 13-0. David Johnston, the Scotland coach, summarised the performance: "In the first half. Ireland were much stronger at the set scrums, but after the break we picked up the tempo of our game and provided much quicker possession. With good passing, we were able to score tries."

Scotland's first-half effort was indeed disappointing. particularly up front, and the conclusion must be that the selectors have still not found the right blend.

ireland looked to have the match well won by half-time after a display in which their forwards were on top and their backs had looked much the livelier. Niall Malone, the Oxford University stand-off, was the key player, kicking two penalty goals and converting a try by Ben Cronin, the No. 8. who was impressive

throughout Scotland's fightback began with a try from Nicol initiated by a crossfield run from McIntosh, Logan, Stanger and Munro. The lock found Nicol with an inside pass.

Townsend, who had missed two earlier penalty attempts, failed to convert, but the Gala player found success by addthe extra points to Sco land's second try, scored by Logan, the young Stirling County full back.

Scotland's scoring continued when Stanger raced over for a try, but they wereunfortunate to lose Hogg, their No. 8, who was replaced by McDonald. Almost immediately. Halpin was carried off on a stretcher and was replaced by Millar, then Wil-

son went on for Watt. By now, though, the Scots had found their rhythm, and from a tapped penalty Nicol and McIntosh sent Stanger in for his second try.

It was a convincing Scottish win and comfort for the selectors before the national trial on Saturday.

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Scotland A: Tries: Nool, Logan, Stenger (2) Convession: Townshind.

IRELAND A: G Williamson (Malona): C Leasty (Warderst). B Walah (Cork Constitution), B Glasmon (Lurscowra), N Woods (Blackmot College), N Malone (Oxford Lurvershy, R Seundass), London Insk). P Sedon (Cork Constitution). M Patton (Codord Univershy, captain), G Halpin (London Insk: rap: P Miller, Sellymera), I. Dineen (Cork Constitution). D Tweed (Ballymera), R Coelestio (Garryoven), K Nicklas (Instonans), B Cronlin (Garryoven), K Nicklas (Instonans), B Cronlin (Garryoven), G Townsent (Gasa), I Jardine (Stiffing Courty), M Appleson (London Scotlan): G Shiel (Malone), A Nicklas (Shing) Courty, N. Appleson (London Scotlan): G Shiel (Malone), A Nicklas (Shing) Courty, N. Milne (Hentor a PP), P Wright (Boroughmun), D Malmont (Portyprado), A Reed (Batty, S Munro (Gasgow High/Kelvinsto), I Mombon (London Scotlash), C Hoog (Malonesa; rap: A Mictonald, Hentor FP)

Six tries lift gloom in Rugby

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

will now hope for another Harlequins on Saturday before their daunting league visit to Bath a week later.

gated from the Courage championship first division. Rughs's position at the bottom looks ominous, but their ballwinning powers, based on Smith, Bowman, Jenkins and Gardner, confounded Nottingham in a non-league match between weakened teams.

All the methodical forward play and the promptings of Bishop, the game's dominant influence, failed to yield a significant lead for Rugby until Mills scored a remarkable 80-yard try, his second of the match, with the last move

Mills almost ground to a

fixture for four years, had taken a 10-5 ahead, but they went further ahead as Nottingham's fresh-faced pack creaked in the scrums. Even Gray, the Scotland lock, could not galvanise his young

England Under-21 full back.

By then, the Rugby pack had written an autocratic signature across the field. Jenkins scored a pushover try and Gardener crashed over for another, disputed by Gabriel, the Nottingham scrum half, who conceded a penalty for dissent from the restart.

Nottingham ran in two tries, the first by Summons after Gregory had launched a move featuring Walker from deep within his own half Walker later jinked over. following the forthright ap-proach work of West, but Nottingham were well beaten.

Mapletoft proceeded to score his 21st try for Rugby three days after his 21st birthday. SCOPIERS: Rugby: Tries: Milts (2), Bishop. Gardner, Jenkins, Mapletoft Conversions: Poli (2). Nottinghants: Tries: Summons, Walter.

Pel (2). Nothinghate: Tries: Summons, Walter, J. Walter, J. Mille, S. Glover, J. Ouarriore, A. Gildouly, R. Pell, D. Bishoo, N. Riley, J. Artówickle, G. Troglipes, J. Gardiner, S. Smith, P. Bowman, M. J. Zile, J. Jankins, NOTTINGHAMI; R. Byrom; S. Summons, R. Bygrave, J. Watsster, M. Walker, G. Gregory, B. Gabriel, M. Insland, D. West, M. Halleny, R. Brackenbury, C. Greg., B. Langley, M. Pepoles, D. Sanellay, R. Ralfores: R. Bullogi; Il. Leicestershare).

RACING

Pipe saddles first four home in Welsh National

BY MICHAEL SEELY

MARTIN Pipe added another astonishing feat to his record-breaking career when he saddled the first four home in the Coral Welsh National at Chepstow yesterday.
Run For Free impressively

led the clean sweep, followed by Riverside Boy, Minnehoma and Bonanza Boy.
Not since Michael Dickinson saddled the first five horses to finish when

Bregawn won the 1983 Cheltenham Gold Cup, has a feat of similar magnitude been achieved by a National Hunt trainer in a big race.
"I didn't think I had an

earthly chance of doing it," said Pipe. "I told the owners that Riverside Boy didn't have an earthly. He's got bags of ability, but he's a bit of lunanc." But it was the 50-1 outsider who chased home Run For Free, at a respectful distance of eight lengths.

Minnehoma, who started

11-4 joint-favourite with the winner, was a further five lengths away, with Bonanza Boy, who has given Pipe two of his four winners of the Chepstow marathon in the past five years, staying on to complete Pipe's celebration.

Mark Perrett, renewing his parmership with Run For Free after winning the Rehearsal Chase over the course, adopted the usual forcing

Even a horrific blunder at he seventh fence from home.



miracles to recover after being halfway down the horse's flank, failed to prevent the eight-year-old from numing for home with his race already "Lady Luck must have been

from which Perrett performed

on my side," said the relieved jockey. "The trouble is that you can't try and organise him. He's got such a tricky mouth that you've got to leave him

The Welsh National has often proved a reliable guide to the future. In the past decade Burrough Hill Lad and Cool Ground have won the race and subsequently captured the Cheitenham

Now. Run For Free, having been successful with 10st 9lb. may be cast in the same mould and is now 7-1 second favour-ite for the blue riband of steeplechasing with Corals. "He's certainly entitled to

take his chance in the Gold Cup," said Pipe. "Before that he might go for the Hennessy Gold Cup at Leopardstown." The Irish race is also the likely target for Chatam, who was withdrawn after being

found to be lame on arrival at the course. Ironically, this lastminute withdrawal prevented a rise in the weights. Pipe has certainly struck

form with a vengeance. When Martin Foster brought The Black Monk with a fine run to win the Yuletide Conditional Handicap, the trainer had landed a 602-1 five-timer. This was initiated by Claxton Greene in the Festive Spirit Novices' Chase and continued by Lord Relic, Run For Free and Side Of Hill.

"It's my second five-timer as I've also had one at Devon and Exeter," said the trainer. Despite Pipe's high spirits, his father, Dave, struck a more serious note. "I'm afraid we're going to see less and less of Martin on the racecourse. The knee which he injured in a car crash so many years ago is getting worse. The bones are crumbling away."

Kempton Park

Going: good to not J. Landed Gentry (D Teon. 14-1); S. Puritan (S McCourt. 5-2). ALSCHAN & ten-Blue Rep (4th), 5 Carboo Gold (pd), 12 My Deno: (8th), 16 Be My Hantad (5th), 20 Super Serene (pd), 33 M* Poppleton (pd), 9 ran. 5, 10, 15, 123, 8. J White at Wendover. Total: E4800; E580, 25. 10, 21.40. DF: E389.80. CSF: £176.59.

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1.15 (2m ch) 1, WONDER MAN (R Dunmoody, F-15 far, Mandeutr's may; 2, Alianal
(J Oscorns, 33-1); 3, Phile Pride (D Byrns,
9-2, ALSO RAN; 9 Sestorius (Sth), 16 The
Setter (4th), 23 Pool seator (6th), 40 Junbeau (f), Knight's Spur (bp.), 8 fan, NR.
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1.45 (2m 4f 110 yd ch) 1, FOR THE GRAIN (R Durwoody, 4-1); 2, Calemase (M Plohards, 10-1); 3, Thryland (H Devise, 7-1), ALSO PAN: 2 bay Hale Arange (5m), 10 Emase-H (put, 12 Good Tonic (4ft), 14 Southerly Buster (put, 1818; (6ft), 25 Men On The Line (put, 1848; Fagh, 10 ran Net Unde Eli, Ns. 46, 121, 254, rk. D Nicholson at Temple Gueting, Tole: \$4.30; £1.90, £1.90, £2.40, DF £14.20, Tyle: £37.00, CSF; £37.62, Tricast: £240.57.

637.62. Tricast: £240.57.
2.20 (2m hdis) 1, MRGHTY MOGUL, (R Durwoody, 3-1), 2. Flown U Oeboms, 10-1); 3, Gramvite Again (P Soudamore, 11-10 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Oh So Platey (87h), 9 Gran Albe, 12 Kribensis (87t), 33 Knig Credo (40h), 200 Regent Lad. 6 ran. 5l, 31, 10l, 5l, 6l. D Nicholson at Tempis Gutting, Toler: £3.80; 1.60, £2.10, £1.0 DF: £19.70. CSF-£26.92.

22.50 (3m ch) 1, ZETA'S LAD (R Supple, 7-1), 2, Le Piccolinge (P Studemore, 100-30 Adey); 3, Ghodar (H Davies, 20-1), ALSO RAN: 100-30 I-feav Durince (f), 9-2 Latent Tatent (4th), 15-2 Sooner Still (8th), 8 East-shaw (pul), 20 Soldeserock (8th), 85 On The Twest (pul, 9 am. NR: Eapy, Nk, 101, 201, 111, 101 Jupoon at Townseler. Tota 85.00; 21-50, 21-60, 52-40, DF: 21-01.0. Tric. 273.00. CSF: 527.85, 7fosso: 2398.78. E73.00. CSF: E27.95. Trioset: E396.78.
3.20 (2m 5f hdle) 1, MARLIN DANCER (3 McCourt, 14-1); 2, Rum Up The Flag (F Hdle, 7-4 fae); 3, Galaxy High (R Dunwoody, 5-2). ALSO RANK: 9-2 McGribern VIII. sige (4th), 12 Weishman (pu), Jinga (5th), 14 Enborne Led (6th), 100 Gelley 8 by, 8 ran. NR: Peanuts Pet, File Concord, Montschel, 8, 2, 10, 20, 7. Miles B Sanders at Epoom. Tolar: E12.00, 52 10, 51 30, 51 40. DR: R12.40. CSF: 838.48. Tricast: E75.82. Justinote not were front of \$2.2983.54.

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12.25 (3m ch) 1, CLAXTON GREENE U
Lower, 5-2 (-flwt); 2, Thernesdown Tootsle
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AN 6-2 (-fler Mere Class 0), 3 Grange
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Enchanted Man (pu), 68 Channel Pastime
(pu), Sam Pepper (f), Time Module (pu), 12
ran, 20, M Pipe at Weitington, Total 23.80;
23.00, 23.20, DF 544.00, CSF 256.05. rian. 231. M Fige et Weilington. Tota: 53.80; 23.00. 63.20. DF 644.00. CSP 635.05: 12.55 (2m 41 110)rd hole) 1, LOPED RELUC (J. LOWER, 2-7 feet); 2. Seran's Wroath (R. Besterry, 10-1); 3. Hermise Harvest (B Power, 100-1); ALSO FANT-4 Mentomick (p.d.), 40. Alterielly (p.d.), 50. Mentor Man. (4th), 100. Fortnat a Song (p.d.), 7 ran. NR: Louis Ferret. 30, 41.25. M Fige at Weilington. Tota: E1.40; E1.10, £1.80. DF: E3.00. CSF: 2A.13. 1.28; (2m 110)rd hole) 1, DARE TO DREEAM (D Bridgasset, 9-2); 2. Moharne (J. Lower, 6-2); 3. Major Bugler (A Maguira, 11-4 fev). ALSO RAK: 9-2 Sold Boss (4th), 10 Second Call. Top Spin. 16 Patenogate King (8th), Liabilly Order, 20 Edents Close (8th), 50 Serior Colors (9th), 50 Perforate (p.d.), Gente Solt (p.d.), 11 per NR: Be My Heiblist (4), 101. 144. 124. (R Alexander) (p.d.), 12 Major (1), 13 Million (1), 101. June, 11-4 [-May.] ALSO RAK: 4 Behrount Captain Colors (1), 20 Ghus A Buck (p.d.), Bonatza Soy (4th), 25 Mer So., 66 Priescanin Lawn (p.d.), 100 Foyle Fathermen (p.d.), 11 rat. NR: Chaster (6), 20 Ghus A Buck (p.d.), Bonatza Soy (4th), 25 Mer So., 66 Priescanin Lawn (p.d.), 100 Foyle Fathermen (p.d.), 11 rat. NR: Chaster (6), 51, 386, fre. 18, M Pipe at Weilington. 10te: 25.70. 22.00, 18.90, 17.90. DF: 25.70. 22.00, 19.90. Trian. (2.6). Trians. (2.75.74. 2.95 (2m 110) toly (4.6). 1, STAUNCH (7809) (3.5). South Forley, 1, 5 fact 2. 2.35 (2m 110yd hde) 1, STALINCH FRIEND (5 Smith Ecoles, 1-5 fav); 2, Snowy Lane (J Loser, 8-2; 3, Fight To Win (6 Powel, 14-1), 3 car. 19, 8, M Tompkins at Newmarkst, Tota; 2120, DF: \$1.00, CSF; £1.51. 27 51. 3.05 (2m 3f 110yd ch) 1, SIDE OF HILL (M Perrett, 10-1): 2, Sea leisaid (J Lover, 5-4

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2.10 (2m.ch) 1, KATABATIC (S. Michell, Evens fad); 2, Watherloo Boy (P. Niven, 10-11 fav); 3, Boro Smackeroo (A. Orloney, 16-1). 3 nn. 101, 3/sl. A. Turnell at East Hendred. NR: Unde Emis. Tota: 82.00 DF: 21.10. CSP: 22.16.

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246 (Sm 11 India) 1, GRACE CARD (F. Niven, 9-2); 2, Abragaston (D.J. Motfett, 11-10 tay); 3, Chyde Ranger (S. Lyons, 3-1), ALSO RAN: 7 The Demon Barber (Sh.), 15-2 Mubearls (pu), 25 Midlend Glenn (4th), 6 rst. 19, 61, 41, 61. Mrs M Reveley et Sattourn, Tose; 24.70; £1.90, £1.70. DF: £5.00. CSF: £10, 19.

3.10 (2m ch) 1, ARICUND THE HORN (8 McNail), Evens lav); 2, lasvin (R Garrito, 1). 3.10 2m ch) 1, AROUND THE HORN (8 McNell, Evere lav); 2, leavin (R Garrity, 10-1); 3, Smorp Femory (8 Smore, 25-7); ALSO RAN: 3 Persian House (4th); 6 On the Year (0, 7 Killur King (6, 6 m., 6, 24); 30: A Turnell at East Henchad, Tose: 22.00; 21: A0, 62.60. DF: £7.10. CSF £105.0.

3.40 2m 4f 110yd balle; 1, ANDERBAATT (C Heavine, 10-1); 2, Hurdy (M Dewer, 5-1); 3, New Charges (PA Famill, 7-4); ALSO RAN-4 tay Chef Raider (5th), 9-2 This Nettle Danger (4th), 8 Chio And Bits, Night Of Machess, 14 Glen Mirage, 20 Apsoche Brave (6th), Numbraideaz, Winter Cats, One For The Chef., 33 Rur Milagy, Open Sesame, 14 ran, NR, Rustic Air, 6, 245, rk, 2, 31, J Macide at Church Broughton, Totes (53), 20, 22.00, 22.10. DF: 645.60. CSF, £59.20. Trioset: 2361.38.

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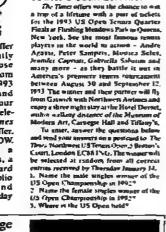


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RUGBY needed this highly committed performance, which brought six tries, and convincing display against

With four clubs to be rele-

Rugby fielded ten first choices, compared with six for Nottingham, who compounded their shortage of possession with unusually wayward line kicking from Gregory.

of the first half.

halt with 20 yards to run but Walker, his opponent, somehow missed the tackle and Mills thundered on to the

Rugby, without a win in the charges into action.

Early errors by Rugby's centres gave way to an impres-sive understanding and the subtle link between Quantrill and Glover fashioned a 50yard try for Mapletoft the

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BORD AND GER METERS

Goodshot Rich to land treble

GOODSHOT Rich can vindi-cate Charlie Brooks's decision to miss the Coral Welsh National by lifting the J H Rowe Challenge Trophy at Stratford

Following the eight-year-old's fluent victory at Lingfield earlier this month, Brooks was momentarily tempted to pur-sue the £35,000 Chepstow prize, even from two stone out of the handicap.

However, the Lambourn trainer sensibly decided that little fish are sweet and today's £4,000 race looks a far more logical objective

Goodshot Rich began his campaign with a 12-length Newton Abbot success in October and then enjoyed a six-

MANDARIN 12.50 Lumumba Days

1,20 Hebridean.

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week break before his impressive eight-length Lingfield win over Mister Hartigan

With a 7lb pull in the weights, Mister Hartigan can be expected to finish closer today, especially as he was making his seasonal reappearance at the Surrey track. However, such was the authority of Goodshot Rich's victory that he is expected to confirm the form.

Hebridean is an interesting recruit to the winter game and has not been set too daunting a task in the second division of the Auld Lang Syne Novices' Hurdle.

12.50 Balzac Boy.

1.20 Hebridean

Good enough to finish a close third behind Endoli and Mashaallah in a listed race at Newbury in May when with Henry Candy, Hebridean would have to show only average hurdling aptitude to

make a winning debut. At Ayr, Mary Reveley and Peter Niven can capture the first three races with Pro-grammed To Win (12.40), Srivijaya (1.10) and Portonia (1.40).

The progressive Portonia makes particularly strong appeal in the Tennents Lager Handicap Chase, the day's longest and most valuable race, and is napped to com-plete her treble after two eightlength victories over an

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FORM FOCUS

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1981: MASTER TICKLE 8-11-1 & Cowley (5-2 lar) N Twiston-Davies, 16 cm

FORM FOCUS

(£2,908: 2m 5f 110yd) (14 numers)

2.50 VIVIAN STREET HANDICAP CHALE

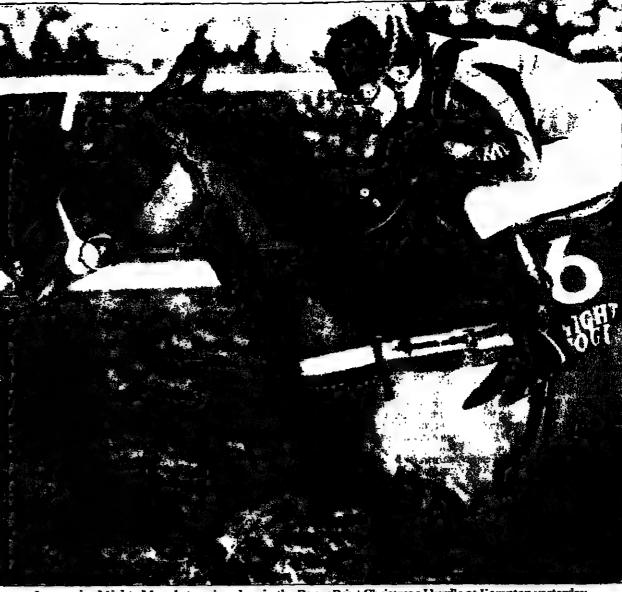
(Amateurs: £2,582: 2m 1f 110yd) (10 runners)

extended three miles Catterick.

Rive-Jumelle, following promising placed efforts at Huntingdon and Towcester, can open her account over timber in the Bolney Novices' Hurdle at Plumpton where Mr Matt stands out in the Lewes Handican Hurdle.

Two inspections

Two of today's three programmes are subject to pre-cautionary inspections because of forecast overnight frost — Ayr at 7am and Plumpton at 7.30am. Tomorrow's meeting at Carlisle is in doubt with an inspection planned for 12.30pm today.



Impressive Mighty Mogul storming clear in the Bonus Print Christmas Hurdle at Kempton yesterday

Mighty Mogul soaring to summit

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

KEMPTON belonged to Richard Durwoody and David Nicholson yesterday as they enjoyed a near 30-1 treble built around For The Grain, Wonder Man and Mighty Mogul, the new 3-1 favourite for the Champion Hurdle.

But spare a thought this morning for Jenny Pitman whose formidable powers of resilience and self-preserva-tion must be as close to breaking point as they have ever been in her eventful life. A year ago she trained Wonder Man, Mighty Mogul and Baydon Star for Shirley and Bill Robins, with mixed success. At the end of last season, the owners decided to transfer all three to Nicholson. What has happened since has been a fairytale of Walt Disney

an unremitting nightmare.

Not egg-and-spoon races round the lesser tracks, but contests whose winners automatically beat a path to the Cheltenham festival.

The stab of pain for Mrs.
Pitman must become more acute as the horses formerly in her care scale each new neak.

12 times and won 12 times.

Wonder Man continued the heartache yesterday when winning the Bonusfilm Nov-ices' Chase. The seven-yearold new rates alongside Jimmy Fitzgerald's Sybillin as the best recruit to fences over the minimum trip and the

Arkle beckons. Dunwoody and Wonder Man pulled away from Atlaal with consummate ease coming into the straight, sped dear of his challengers over proportions for the owners. the next two fences before powered home. Only a mis-For Mrs Pitman it has proved making a complete hash of the take at the final flight prevent-

the class to pick himself up and go again." Nicholson

Mighty Mogul, who had improved by 40lb in the official ratings before yester-day, twisted the knife deeper into Mrs Pitman's psyche by overcoming so many disadvantages to win the BonusPrint Christmas Hurdle.

Given his abundance of stamina and powerful galloping style, two miles round the sharp Sunbury course was far from perfect.

Always in the first three, Dunwoody jumped into the lead three out and although Granville Again looked ominously dangerous half-a-mile from home, he flattered to decrive as Mighty Mogul m unremitting nightmare. final obstacle which brought ed him doubling his winning the three horses have run him to a standstill. "He had distance of five lengths.

Flown pipped the disap-pointing Granville Again for second place but the placings are immaterial. None of those who trailed in behind Mighty Mogul has any chance of reversing the form in the Champion Hurdle Mighty Mogul's superiority at home - he pulverised Wonder Man at Jackdaws

Castle on Saturday - has persuaded Nicholson that Baydon Star should now go for the Stayers' Hurdle rather than the Champion. More anguish for Mrs Pitman. No wonder Nicholson si dled up to Bill Robins after the race and quipped: "Can you

find a few more for me with a handicap rating of 116 at the end of the season?" Mighty Mogul is likely to be rated 160-plus following yesterday's While Wonder Man and

Mighty Mogul grabbed the headlines, Dunwoody's victory on For The Grain qualified as one of the best riding displays this season.

Dunwoody was hard at work on the chaser more than a mile from the finish in the Tripleprint Handicap Chase and still looked to be making

no progress turning for home. While many jockeys would have given up the unequal struggle, Dunwoody kept pushing and shoving. After saving ground by sneaking up the inside rail, he finally succeeded in galvanising For The Grain into determined

action. In a thrilling finish, he caught Calapaez in the final strides with Tinryland close behind "Superb," commented Nicholson. "You won't see u better ride ever." Praise indeed.

1.50 Catalon lo 1.50 Casienne. 2.20 Goodshot Rich. 2.20 Goodshot Rich. 2.50 Tinas Lad. 3.20 Buckingham Gate. 3.50 ASK THE GOVERNOR (nep) 3.20 Buckingham Gate Long flexificator Overs 9-8. RETTIME: 5-2 Goodshot Rich, 4-1 Kintleh Piper, 9-2 Stay On Tradis, 11-2 Mister Harrigan, 8-1 olhers 3.50 Ask The Governor. RICHARD EVANS: 1.20 HEBRIDEAN (nap). GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT PATCHES) HANTWORTH 201 2nd of 6 to Sunbasem Taithot in an amateurs' bundicap chase at Chelinsham on penaltimate start (3m 11 110pd, good), STAV ON TRACKS 111 3nd of 5 to Whatal Fattle in a brandfast chase at Neutron on penaltimate start (3m 11 good), ROCKTOR 111 3nd of 7 to Captur Dibble in a brandfast chase at Neutron on penaltimate start (3m 11 110pd, good), School to School to Start (3m 11 110pd, good), School to School 12.50 AULD LANG SYNE NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,305: 2m 110yd) (11 nunners) | ET., SUD: 270 17 (Dyd) (11 TUNDERS) OBSTO SMELMIG CHEF 19 (D.G.) 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KATABATIC enjoyed a resounding victory over old rival Waterloo Boy in the Castleford Chase at Wetherby yesterday. Waterloo Boy ruined his chance with some uncharacteristic blunders, enabling Katabatic to go clear from three out for a ten-length

"That's a relief - our horse has had a lung infection," Andy Turnell, Katabanc's trainer, said. "He was wrong for several weeks after running second to Waterloo Boy at Exeter last time." . Katabatic could appear next

in the Mitsubishi Shogun Newton Chase at Haydock on January 9.

Alan King, assistant to David Nicholson, was puzzled by Waterloo Boy's jumping. "I've never seen him put in a round as bad as that, even in his novice days," he said.



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GOING: SOFT, HEAVY IN PLACES (7.30AM INSPECTION) SIS

1.00 OFFISAM HOVICES CHASE (£2,065: 2m) (12 runners)

2-1 Spirit Of Killers, 5-2 May Of The West, 5-1 Old Road, 5-1 Far Bun, 10-1 others.

1.30 ARDINGLY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,510; 2m 1f) (11)

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3.00 BRYAN ROBINSON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,122: 2m) (5) 1 -641 DEVE S VALLEY 14 (B.D.S) R Boue 9-12-0 L Dacs (S)
2 41-1 GENERAL MERCHANT 28 (B.D.F.R.S) R Hodges 12-10-4
Thompson (S)
3 -40F BENDOCKS 11 (CD.G.S) A Woods 10-10-4 L Dacs (S) 3 40F BENDICKS 11 (CO.S.S) A Moore 10-10-0 _____ M House 61
4 F33P COTAPAC 34 A Mades 7-10-0 _____ M House 63
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3.30 LEWES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,733: 2m 4f) (5)

1 5-26 BIXLANGER 17 (CD.F.G.S) J GRIDM 6-11-12 PHOR (7)
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☐ Gee Armytage was taken to Bristol's Frenchay Hospital for X-rays on her back following the fall of Merry Master in the Coral Weish National at Chepstow yesterday.

Royal Gait to enjoy profitable trip

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case, she appears much better

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With overnight frost fore-

Dermot Weld, away on

holiday, listened to a telephone commentary as General Idea battled on bravely to

on a right-handed track.

tion will be held at 7am.

FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

JAMES Fanshawe, unable to ising four-year-old Sanndila resist the easy money at Leopardstown today, has dis-patched champion hurdler Royal Gait for the IrE25,000 Bookmakers Hurdle.

This will be Royal Gait's first run since beating Oh So Risky by half a length at Cheltenham. Although proba-bly short of his best, his supporters will derive encouragement from the fact that, in the Champion Hurdle, he beat Chirkpar, the best of the Irish, by eight lengths and now comes up against inferior local opposition He meets Pat Flynn's prom-

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12.40 Programmed To Win.

RICHARD EVANS: 1.40 Portorial

GOING: GOOD (7AM INSPECTION)

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.10 SRIVLJAYA.

1.70 MAYBOLE CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,756: 2m) (12 rumers)

BETTING: 9-4 Striggs, 9-2 Earle Walche, 5-1 Family Line, 6-1 Investigal, 8-1 Horrison, Dolly Prices, 10-1 Ratestra Misty Nigol, 12-1 Kinist Walon, Equator, 14-1 others

1.40 TERRIENTS LAGER HANDICAP CHASE (£3,590; 4m 1f) (8 numbers)

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5 147055 CARPUSES, DOCKET 12 (F.F.E.S.) (R Sonen) C Parter 7-10-5 Mir J Sondarde 91
6 3-13403 LIPPY MINISTREL 29 (F.E.S.) (R Sonen) C Parter 7-10-0 B Soney 94
7 APYZYZ SOLD SPARTIAN 12 (S) (R Rothard K Cares 9-10-0 A Coloney 83
8 136-025 SCHETAL HAMMONY 12 (S,G) (Aless G Jonesia) Miss G Jennings 9-10-0 S Lyone (5) 83
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12.40 TENNENTS GOLD RIER NOVICES HURDLE

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1.10 Srivijaya. 1.40 PORTONIA (nap).

2.10 Comstock

3.10 Orlei Dream.

MANDARIN

Cahervillahow. The runner-up has been a most unlucky horse, including in his career record a highly controversial Whitbread Gold

12.40 Programmed To Win.

SIS

_ D.J Mertatt (5) 8

___ A Dobbin (3) 82

THUNDERER

1.10 Srivijaya. 1.40 Portonia.

2.10 Comstock.

2.40 Kushbaloo

3.10 Oriel Dream.

Cup disqualification. Fortune was against him again bere as General Idea, despite having won 13 races over hurdles and fences, still qualified for a 3lb allowance from Cahervillahow for not having won a chase prior to July 31 of last

This weight allowance decided the issue after Cahervillahow had made General Idea stretch all the way to the line. Weld said that General

win yesterday's Ericcson Chase by two lengths from Idea, a better horse here than at Cheltenham, would be back at Leopardstown for the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup.

2.10 ALADDIN NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,689; 2m) (15 runners) Long bandicap: Basso Protendo 9-12 Rapid Mover 9-2 BETTIME: 7-2 Companels, 9-2 J P Mongao, 5-1 Years Secumble, 6-1 Back Belove Dawn, 8-1 Thomas the Yank, Bongland, 18-1 Autsnayes, Tenandaya, 12-1 Incycling, California Proce, 14-1 Whites

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3	405558	CELTIC BREEZE 11 (V.C.G.S.) (H Gething) M Haughton 9-10-5
4	1-22/23	WILLE SPARKLE 12 (BF,P) (T Hartie) Mrs S Braitigane 6-10-5
5	2235-62	SHAFFIC 18 (P Davidson-Brown) M Hammond 5-10-3
6	18-0650	YAMAMOUCHO 12 (D.F.G) (Mrs G Turnbull) D Moltage 8-10-0
		Yaramenche 9-6.

RETTING: 7-4 One Diram, 5-2 Seed City, 7-2 Stattle, 5-1 Willie Spatile, 8-1 Celte Braze, 25-1 Yarramooch.

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Aqib's abuse of umpire brings first suspension

By Our Sports Staff

AQIB Javed, the Pakistan fast bowler, became the first player to be suspended under the International Cricket Council's code of conduct when he was banned for one match after being found guilty of dissent during the one-day international against New Zealand in Napier yesterday.

Aqib, 20, will miss the third and final limited-overs match between the teams in Auckland tomorrow, ruled out by the match referee. Peter Burge, after an incident during New Zealand's six-wicket victory at McLean Park. But he will be available for the only Test match of the tour, starting at Hamilton on Saturday.

Burge, the former Australia Test batsman, acted under clauses two and three of the ICC's code of conduct, which relate to players not engaging in behaviour which could bring themselves or the game into disrepute, and to players accepting umpiring decisions and not showing dissent.

Trouble flared when Andrew Jones was given not out by the umpire, Brian Aldridge, after a ball from Aqib lifted sharply and lobbed off Jones's gloves to be caught at slip. Aldridge indicated that the delivery was a no-ball, ruling that it had risen above the height permitted in the rules under which the series is

being played.

Agib was visibly upset by the decision, appeared to exchange words with Aldridge. and took some time before continuing his over. Burge subsequently received a report on the incident from Aldridge, who umpired the World Cup final between Pakistan and England in Melbourne earlier

Agib, Javed Miandad, the captain, and the Pakistani manager, Naushad Ali, attended the disciplinary hearing, which lasted 75 minutes. Two players were called as es — the New Zealand captain, Martin Crowe, who was the non-striker at the time, and Pakistan's Ramiz Raja, who was fielding nearby. "I was astonished to hear



what Agib Javed said to Brian Aldridge. What he said was disgraceful," Crowe said, alleging that Aqib had sworn at the umpire and accused him of being a cheat. Agib was fined half of his

match fee, about £300 for contravening the code of conduct during last summer's third Test match against England at Old Trafford, following a dispute with the umpire, Roy Palmer, after being warned for intimidatory bowling against Devon Malcolm.

New Zealand gained a disciplined six-wicket victory in a rain-affected match to level the series at 1-1. Pakistan's batting again looked deeply suspect as they collapsed to 138 for eight in the alloted 42

Salim Malik, with 39, was the only batsman to pass 20 against a seam attack well suited to the damp conditions. Pakistan, who also found

runs hard to come by during the tour of Australia they interrupted to play in New Zealand, scored only 158 in the first match in Wellington on Saturday, but there they were rescued by their pace bowlers who demolished New Zealand for 108.

Yesterday, however, apart from an initial hiccup when the flamboyant Mark Greatbatch was caught in the first over. New Zealand's batsmen found Pakistan's bowlers easier to handle.

Rod Latham, Jones and Ken Rutherford kept the runs coming at the required rate and Crowe's unbeaten 47 won hin the man-of-the-match

New Zealand's victory set the scene perfectly for the third match at Eden Park, where the teams played a classic World Cup semi-final encounter earlier this year, which Pakistan won before going on to win the competition.

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Aqib: disciplined



Gooch, the England cricket cap-Blakey, left, and Paul Jarvis, right, Lanka gathered at Gatwick yester-day. Blakey, who first played for England last summer, will be making his first full tour, whereas

three years of a ban for joining an unofficial tour of South Africa. England's opening fixture is against Delhi in Faridabad, starting on Sunday, if Gooch plays, it will be his first chance to score his When the three-match Test series

internationals in India. Goods will miss the Test match and two one-day internationals in Sri Lanks.

Donald ushers in abject Indian collapse

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN PORT ELIZABETH

INDIA face certain defeat in the third Test match here, having collapsed in abject fashion against hostile fast bowling by South Africa. After Hansie Cronje made a hundred to earn South Africa a lead of 63, india were reduced to 31 for six in the first 21 overs of their second

A dramatic third day of a fluctuating match was also marked by two cases of dissent against an umpire's decision. Mike Smith, the International Cricket Council (ICC) match referee, said, however, he would be taking no action. The umpires had not reported

any incident to him.
"In these circumstances, I

am not prepared to call anyone in. I saw nothing to warrant it," Smith said. He stressed that the referee's role was only to act if official complaints were made.

Two South African um-Koertzen and Diedericks, both inexperi-enced at this level, stood yesterday. David Shepherd, of England, the independent ICC umpire, was on duty in the TV replay room. Koertzen was the umpire who gave both decisions that brought dissent.

Cronje, when 87, was fortunate to survive a leg-before appeal when he tried to sweep Raju. Television seemed to indicate Cronje was out. When the appeal was turned down, More, the Indian wicketkeeper, took off a glove ball angrily to the ground. The second incident came when Tendulkar, facing his first ball, was adjudged caught behind against Schultz. Tele-

vision showed the ball had come off the batsman's thigh pad. Tendulkar stood hand on hips aghast before he forlornly walked off. Shastri, at the other end, threw his bat on the ground and exchanged words with Koertzen. India's troubles began in

the first over when Raman edged a lifting ball from Donald into his stumps. Donald next had Manjrekar legbefore as he played back. The batsman seemed clearly out and both Donald's frenzied appeal and Diedrick's wait before raising his finger seemed equally unnecessary.

when Tendulkar was out and 20 for four when Azharuddin sparred loosely against Donald's outside off stump and was held at first slip. Amre then gave the wicket-keeper a catch against Schultz.

When McMillan replaced Donald, Shastri followed a leg-side ball in his second over and Richardson took another good catch. Kapil Dev took India past their lowest Test total, 42 against England at Lord's in 1974. By the close he and Prabhakar had advanced the score to 71, which left

India eight runs ahead. Until India's wretched performance with the bat they had every reason to be satisfied that they had restricted South Africa to a modest lead. Cronje batted nine minutes able to take the initiative against the two spinners. Kumble and Raju.

Before lunch South Africa managed 52 runs for the loss of four wickets, 30 of these coming in a stand Cronje and Henri shared just before the

India finally deserted spin and took the new ball after 130 overs at 242 for seven. Cronje was last out when he aimed a wild hit across the line. Cronje hit a six and 12 fours and faced 411 balls in a chanceless innings, which was a triumph for unremitting application. INDIA: First innings 212 (M Azharuddin 60; Doraid 5-65).

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West Indies wither under McDermott's spell

Melbourne: Craig McDermott, the Australia fast bowler, took four wickets in seven overs to leave West Indies staring at defeat in the second Test match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Australia took a first-innings lead of 162, but lost the wicket of David Boon to Simmons for 11 in extending their advantage to 188 by the close of the

third day. West Indies, resuming from an overnight score of 62 for three, were all out for 233 soon after tea in reply to Australia's first-innings total of 395.

Boon fell in the 95 minutes of play left and at the close Mark Taylor was nine not out

in partnership with Shane Warne, one not out, with Australia's second innings standing at 26 for one. McDermott earlier took

over on the third day when Mervyn Hughes, who took the first three West Indies wickets on the second day, left off, to put the visitors in deep trouble. Only Keith Arthurton, who crafted a careful 71. Jimmy Adams, out for 47, and Brian

Lara, out for 52, showed much resistance to the pace attack on a wicket giving uneven bounce and allowing some movement late into the third day.

Australia's aim, barring further shocks, is to amass an overall target of around 400 and leave West Indies strug-

gling on a pitch deteriorating further on the fifth and final day tomorrow. McDermott, who also took a catch, finished with figures

of four for 66 off 25.1 overs. Hughes took three for 51 off

ship of 106 with Arthurton, who scored 157 in the first Test in Brisbane. The disappointing Carl Hooper, who scored three, fell

before lunch, caught and bowied by Steve Waugh. West Indies were 144 for five.

Arthurton edged an out-swinger from McDermott, who, with his next ball, used the same tactic to remove David Williams for nought, both caught easily by Ian

Healy, the wicketkeeper.

The two wickets made the total 192 for seven, but Arthurton's gritty 71, as with his maiden century in the first Test, again brought some respectability to the innings. After that only Adams, playing in his second Test after he replaced the paceman, Patrick Patterson, shored up the

Ian Bishop survived short-

follow-on target of 196 with three wickets in hand.

Bishop, however, was dispatched shortly after on nine, bowled by McDermott, who also caught Curtly Ambrose for seven off the leg spinner, Shane Warne, who took his first Test wicket.

By the time McDermott ended a determined innings of 47 from Adams, who popped up a catch to Boon at mid-off. West Indies' last five wickets had crumbled for 41 runs. Their troubles worsened when the strike bowler, Ambrose, left the field late in the day suffering a sore back after bowling six overs.

AUSTRALIA: First innings 395 (M E Waugh 112, A R Border 110; C A Watsh 4-91).

Second innings
D C Boon b Simmons
M A Taylor not out
S K Warre not out
Extres (b1, b3, rib1) Total (1 wkg) 28 S R Wayth, M E Wayth, D R Martyn, "A R Border, ff A Heaty, C J McDermott, M G Hughes and M R Whitney to ball.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-22. BOM.ING: Ambrosa 6-3-7-0; Bishop 6-2-6-0 (nb1); Watsh 6-3-5-0; Simmons 6-6-2-1. WEST INDIES: Fint Innings

TABLE TENNIS

Glue banned in events

GLUE will be banned from all events in the control of the English Table Tennis Association (ETTA) from January 1

(Richard Eaton writes). The move follows the imposition of a ban two weeks ago by the sport's international federation in tournaments under its justisdiction and the publication of a report by Keith Powell, the Scottish chemist, which warns of the

dangers of glue-sniffing and passive inhalation. The English junior trial finals involving 190 players at Hereford this weekend will therefore be the first in which players will have to sign a declaration that they have not glued the rubber to the blade of their bat within the previous 24 hours. Anyone disobeying is at risk of immediate disqualification.

WORD-WATCHING

Auswers from page 32

(c) A Japanese musical stringed instrument played with both hands (c) A Japanese musical stringed instrument puryed what doth abuse, it has 13 silk strings stretched over a long box as a resonance chamber, each string having a bridge of its own, by shifting of which it is tuned, from the Japanese: "You would have expected me to write about the music of Bach and not about Koto music."

(a) A native alloy of the metals iridium and osmium, containing about 35 to 50 per cent of osmium, usually occurring in flattened grains with platinum, from Nevyansk, a city in Russia: "At a high temperature, nevyanskite is not decomposed and does not give an osmium adour."

(b) An exclamation of grief or despair, Anglo-Lrish interjection, from Manire O Mary: "I'm not like you, owning up I'm beaten and crying warra warra like a coward."

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(a) A unit of meaning, a linguistic element which expresses a concept, from the Greek semantikos significant: "The words composing a sentence may be divided into two kinds: those which express concepts ("full words" or semantenes) and those which express relationships between concepts ('empty words' or morphemes).'

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE The build-up on the g-file provides the key: I Qg8+! Qxg8 or Rxg8 2

FOOTBALL Premier League Sheffield Utd v Oldham (7 45)

Swindon v Birmingham (all ticket, 7.45) Second division Wigan v Huddersfield Third division

GM Vsuxhall Conference Wycombe v Slough (7 45)

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First di-vision: Liverpool v Notto County (7-6) Manchester Cay v Wolverhampton (6-45) Second division: Coverby v Modes-trough (7-0) Evenon v Mansfeld (7-0) Gninistry v Presion (7-0). NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Amenal v Luton (20)

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division; Faventram v

DIADORA LEAGUE: First division Heyoride Swifts v Avsley Second di-vision: Metropolaan Police v Malden Vale Third division, lungsbur, v Fackwell Heigh

UEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE Preme division: Brockenhurst v Homdean, Fleet v Bernerton Heath, Thatcham v Bournemouth. CAMPRI LEASUREWEAR SOUTH MID-LANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bigglisswade v Langlord Harponden : Harbeid Hoddesdon v Wingate and Findi-tey, Shillington v Ariesey, Welwyn GC v Luton Old Brys

RUGEY UNION CLUB MATCH. Kith caldy v String Co (7 0) RUGBY LEAGUE REGAL TROPHY: Bracford v Widnes (7.30)

STONES BITTER CHANGIONSHIP: Second division: Oldham / Rochdale 17 30.

FIXTURES

Barclays League First division

Scottish League

KONICA LEAGUE CUP: Preliminary round: Connoh's Curry Fint

tes v Southampton (70). Crystal a v Milwall. Second division: 92

season's Heineken League began - he scored four goals. Simcov led the Bees to an impressive 7-3 premier division win over Nottingham Panthers and Millhench now

has to decide whether or not to

Lara was first out vesterday. trapped leg-before to a deliv-ery which kept low from the paceman, Mike Whitney, ending a fourth-wicket partner-

five runs later in the last over

pitched deliveries from McDermott and Hughes to help West Indies negotiate the

NORWICH City, who have failed to score in their last two

home matches, can expect no

favours from Coventry City at

Carrow Road in the FA Cup

third round on Saturday. Cov-

WEST INDIES: Fins Innings D I. Heynes b Hughes P V Simmons c Boon b Hughes R B Richardson c Heely b Hughes K L T Arthurton o Heely b McDermott C I. Hooper c and b S R Weugh J C Adems c Boon b McDermott TO Willems c Heely b McDermott R Betrop b McDermott R Betrop b McDermott C E I. Ambrose c McDermott C E I. Ambrose c McDermott C E I. Ambrose c McDermott Total Bodas (b10, pib6)

EQUESTRIANISM

Whitaker rises to the challenge

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN MECHELEN

fence

his second victory at the Belgium World Cup show here when he won the £10.000 Cera Masters yesterday on Everest Polydectus after a three-horse jump-off.

A field of ten riders, all national. European, Olympic or world medal winners, started in the class, in which each rider nominated a fence to be raised by five centimetres before the round. Three dropped out after the first round and Whitaker was double and the planks before

MICHAEL Whitaker gained lucky not to join them when Polydectus rattled the first

> Four remained for the fourth and final round in which Jean-Claude Bangeenberghe opted to put up both elements of the double, before going clear with Ospa Carpets Carrera. Stefan Lauber, of Switzerland, raised the first two fences, only for Corado to make a mistake at the second. Whitaker put up the second element of the

going clear. Ludo Philippaerts raised only the final fence before he too was faultless on

Oppiebeurs Huricaine.
The final three went again. this time against the clock, and Carrera put in another clear. But Polydektus bettered the time, despite Whitaker falling off after going through the finish. Huricaine had both elements of the double down.
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ICE HOCKEY

Simcov puts the sting in Bees

By NORMAN DE MESQUITA

KEITH Millhench, coach of the Bracknell Bees, has a problem. His most experienced import. Ross Lambert. is almost ready to return after a six-week absence with a knee injury but Oleg Simcov, the Ukrainian forward standing in for him, did something on Sunday that no Bracknell player has managed since this

retain him. The supporters were in no doubt that Simcov should stay, but the coach seemed to think otherwise. With the transfer deadline only two days away, a decision must be made quickly.

Cardiff Devils' 11-2 win over Norwich and Peterbor-

ough Pirates took their un-

beaten run to 16 and they

head the table. Murravfield

Racers, with wins over Fife Flyers and Billingham Bombers, are now second. Durham Wasps have signed a Ukrainian, Sergei Gavrilenko. He helped them to a 9-2 win over the Flyers which took the defending champions up to seventh place and could herald a return to

and Count renald a return to form at last. RESULTS: Helneton Leegue grenner chviston: Ris Ryers 4, Murrayfield Riscars 5; Humberside Senhawks 7, Bracknell Bees 3, Bracknell Bees 3, Bracknell Bees 3, Cardiff Devils 11, Norwich and Peterborough Prailes 2; Durham Waspo 9, Rie Fyurs 2, Murrayfield Rouser 14, Billinghem Bombers 6; Writley Warrions 9, Humbersie Sestrawks 7. ☐ The Great Britain under-21 squad leaves today for Denmark where they will face South Korea, Bulgaria and the home nation in pool C of the world junior championships over the next four days.

entry are a fair bet to lift the trophy, having beaten Liver-pool and Aston Villa by convincing margins recently. With an away record second to none in the Premier League, they must be confident of taking Norwich to a replay.

Sheffield Wednesday's trip to Cambridge United is fraught with danger. A draw is

FACUE SECOND RND REPLAY Not on coupons: Bury.v Wigan THIRD ROUND THIRD ROLLIND

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BEST DRAWS: Cambridge, Norwich, Winstord, Hibernian, Morton.
AWAYS: Sunderland, Leyton Crient, Degenham, Southport, Stevenings.
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SOW, ING: McDearmott 25,1-8-86-4 (nb1), Hughes 19-5-51-3 (nb3); Whitney 19-4-27-1 (nb2); Warms 24-7-65-1; S Waugh 4-1-14-1.

130 Fire not beyond lowly Cambridge, who reached the last eight of

the Cup two seasons ago when they were in the third division. Malcolm Allison has pulled Bristol Rovers round in his short time as manager at Twerton Park and Aston Villa cannot feel comfortable about playing them, even with home advantage. Allison's liking for the big stage and Villa's inconsistency point to a long-

shot draw. Winsford v Barrow in the HFS Loans League offers the best treble chance value

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Jane Glover: resigned as artistic director of the **Buxton Festival almost** before she had started

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Eileen Atkins: her performance was the year's highlight for Benedict Nightingale



DANCE: The Bolshoi aims to bring classical ballet to the masses at the Albert Hall next month. Debra Craine reports

Suite-talking on the grand scale

in 1956, the Bolshoi Ballet came to Britain and the country was agog. The tabloid newspapers were filled with minute-by-minute details of the comings and goings of the Bolshoi staff; even their dinner menus were published to satisfy the public's enormous appetite for news about Russia's greatest cultural export. The critics embraced "the very makers of ballet": Sir Anthony Eden sent a letter of gratifude to the Russian prime minister for sending "your magnificent company to London". As The News of the World put it, "the Bolshoi have truly conquered us".

On its last visit to Britain, in 1989, the novelty had clearly worn off. The company faced a hostile reception from some quarters. No longer a forbidden treasure, thanks to regular visits, its status vasily reduced by increasingly unflatter-ing comparisons with ballet in the West, the Bolshoi was savaged by many of the critics. The performances were vulgar, old-fashioned, blandly indifferent, stodgy, per-functory. The myth of the Bolshoi Ballet was exposed.

Now the Moscow company is coming back to London, but its head is far from bowed. There is nothing modest about this return visit: a five-week season offering 37 performances of 12 famous ballets to a potential total audience of 137,000 in the cavernous Albert Hall. Just one step short of Wembley Stadium, this is ballet's equivalent of the Earls Court Tosca or Pavarotti in the Park, a grand -and potentially lucrative - gesture to give ballet the populist push.

The £3 million season, which opens on January 9, is being presented by Derek Block, a rock promoter making his first foray His experience with mega-rock acts such as Elton John, Queen and the Pet Shop Boys should come in

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handy for the Bolshoi.
The Albert Hall is being transformed for the event: the idea is to recreate the atmosphere of the Bolshoi Theatre itself. As the proscenium arch, there will be a 70-foot-high, 125-foot-wide tableau which depicts the interior of the Moscow theatre and includes a painted backdrop showing the Tsar's box. The large apron stage will extend halfway into the arena, and the dancers will perform on the stage in front of the proscenium

the-round perspective to the 3,700 Speciators.

The company is bringing 160 dancers; musical accompaniment will be provided by the 75-piece BBC Concert Orchestra; selected performances will even be broad-cast on Radio 2 on Saturday nights. It almost sounds like the dance event of the century" that the promoters have bombastically

You have to hand it to artistic director Yuri Grigorovich. Undannied by the scepticism of British critics, he has devised a novel approach for the season: taking his cue from the principle of the musical suite, he has created choreographic suites based on the fulllength works in the Bolshoi repertoire. There will be three full-

'It is not necessary that the critics like it; it is necessary that the public should like it'

length ballets on offer every night. each conveyed in less than one hour, an approach designed to give audiences the maximum number of ballets in the minimum amount

It is a typically grandicse approach from the man who has ruled the Bolshoi Ballet for almost 30 years. Some of them, like Grigorovich's own The Golden Age and Spartacus, are compressions of an entire ballets others, like Swan Lake and Raymonda, are simply a single act presented intact. In Saturday matinee of Giselle. Almost all the ballets are either choreographed by Grigorovich, or are his versions of the classics, and he is already steeling himself for the critical onslaught.

"So many people want the Bolshol to become the worst, or think it has already become so," he says. "I would like to disillusion them and take this legend out of their minds. I would like to show that the Bolshoi Theatre is still alive and there is a nice group of talented voune dancers.

"Usually we take two or three ballets from our repertoire for a

the public. The English public will see a great variety of stars, six to eight in one night. It is not necessary that the critics should like it it is necessary that the public should like it."

And they probably will, for the enduring magic of the Bolshoi ensures that it will continue to draw the punters, even if it disappoints the purists. Advance box office takings have already exceeded expectations, with about £2.5 million totted up in ticket sales so far - seat prices range from £15 to £65. Speciacle will be the order of the

day, and spectacle is what the Bolshoi does best. But the event itself is also a speculation: an investment in the Bolshoi's future earnings potential. Foreign impre-sarios have been invited to the Kensington venue to judge for themselves if the audacious experiment succeeds; if it does it is likely to repeated elsewhere.

The Bolshoi desperately needs it to work. For not only is the company looking to restore its tarnished artistic reputation, it also needs to prove that it can support itself as a truly commercial organisation after more than a century of official petronage. The breakdown of communism in the old Soviet Union has brought hard times for the Bolshoi Theatre, as it has for the rest of the country. State subsidies no longer pay the bills and foreign currency earnings are vital if the theatre is to continue.

n annual government grant of 300 million rou-bles — about one million dollars - is "just a molecule, it should be 100 times more," says Vladimir Kokonin, director general of the Bolshoi Theatre, which supports both the ballet and see a theatre that costs only one million dollars?"

Hard currency earnings - about \$1.2 million a year — buy the musical instruments, the material dyes, the tutu fabrics and the highnech lighting. The Bolshoi institu-tion is kept affoat by lucrative foreign touring and by the publish-ing deals, the video and recording contracts, that it has struck in the West, particularly Britain.

"It was a very tough serf system under , the 'Soviet 'government," Kokonin explains. "They spent a lot of money on the Bolshoi; they helped the Bolshoi Theatre acquire the prescriptors in the continuous and the continuous transfer and transfer and the continuous transfer and transfer its prestigious image. The positive



Doing what they do best: Bolshoi Ballet dancers Yuri Klevtsov and Inna Palshina in the Yuri Grigorovich spectacle, Spartacus

side was we never felt a lack of anything; the negative side, well we paid that from an artistic point of view. It cost us a lot. Now, for the first time in its history, the Bolshoi Theatre is independent of government."

The new freedom costs in artistic as well as financial terms: the loss of some of the country's top singers and dancers to the West. "Before with the tough central system the artist was like a serf; now he's a free man. And if an artist has no

contract he may do whatever he likes and they do. Artists get other offers, what are they supposed to do? The Russian star working abroad gets 100 times more than

Kokonin and Grigorovich are still smarting from the resignation of Irek Mukhamedov, the Bolshoi Ballet's top male star who de-camped in favour of Covent Garden two years ago. "Irek violared all the rules," says Kokonin. "He was supposed to go on tour with us

in the United States. All the advertising, all over the US, fea-tured him, tickets were sold. Two weeks before we left he said he changed his mind and said he wanted to go to Covent Garden. I couldn't apply to the courts, there was no legal thing that would help me. I had no compensation, the American impresario suffered, the

whole troupe suffered." With Mukhamedov firmly ensconced at Covent Garden, Grigorovich is now relying on less

Taranda, Yuri Klevisov and Nadezhda Gracheva to dazzle the Albert Hall audiences. The names may have changed, but the larger-than-life ballets remain the same. And, despite their limited range, and the sloppy technique and tawdry theatries that occasionally mar them, the famous Bolshoi style big. brave and brazen — still continues to feed the myth.

● The Bolshoi Ballet is at the Albert Hall (071-589 8212) from January 9

GALLERIES: Madrid is ending its year as European Capital of Culture with a flurry of fine art shows

History paintings are not always bunk

Il national art collections have the same problem, in A have the same problem, in the shape of pictures once expensively acquired and proudly shown but now unfashionable, ridiculed and despised. Since these are usually 19th-century academic works, they are frequently enormous and in poor condition. But now that tastes have shifted again, they can no longer be consigned to decent obscurity. What to do? A major exhibition of 19th Century History Painting in Spain, organised as part of Madrid's year as Cultural Capital of Europe, offers an impressive though no

doubt expensive solution. In the British national collection such works mostly languish in the Acton stores of the Tate Gallery. A few years ago, when the then director of the Tate was bewailing the unshowability of many earlier Chantrey Bequest pictures, I sug-gested he should put on a show of everything the bequest bought be-tween, say, 1890 and 1914, and leave it up to the public to judge how to treat a painting currently worth at most £2,000 which would cost more than that to restore. He did not fancy the notion: all the public would register, he said, was that the Tate was a bad custodian of

in France, similar pictures, once proudly exhibited at the Luxembourg, are now mostly mouldering in provincial museums. The same, until this year, in Spain, where the Prado has found this the most tactful way to hide its major embarrassments. But no more. For this show, staged in the spacious galleries of the old Museo Español de Arte Contemporaneo (now liberated by the removal of the collection to the newly completed Centro d'Arte Reina Sofia, another Cultural Year enterprise). 52 very large paintings have been dredged up, mostly from deposit in provincial museums, cleaned and restored. After the show is over, it is intended

John Russell Taylor recommends a clutch of exhibitions which add extra lustre to the considerable attractions of the Spanish capital



Spanish history: Los Comuneros Padilla, Bravo y Maldonaldo en el patibulo, by Antonio Gisbert

that most of them will be retained in Madrid and kept on show, perhaps in the Buen Retiro annexe of the Prado.

Naturally, once the scope and ambition of the enterprise has been saluted, the question arises - were these enormous canvases worth the time and trouble, not to mention the money? Such a panorama of 19th-century Spanish academic art has seldom, if ever, been seen in living memory, all in one place. Clearly, fluctuations of taste and fashion have a lot to do with that. It may well be that the best painting in the show is the latest of all.

Barcelona 1902, by Ramon Casas, since here Casas brings many of the skills he had learnt with the impressionists to bear on the problem of the contemporary record: the picture works more by what it does not say than by what it does, the wide open space, brutally emptied of protesters, speaking more dramatically than a multiplic-ity of detail could:

But nowadays we seem to be reacquiring some traditional skills in the reading of images: the picture which tells a story still has its significance. Some of these pictures

have been as famous in Spain as And When Did You Last See Your Father? was in England, and as influential in Spanish children's ideas of their history.

The figure of the mad queen Juana of Castille naturally attracts painters' attention, with all the notential of her insanity for melodrama and sentimental sympathy. Of its kind, Francisco Pradilla's Doña Juana la Loca (1877) could hardly be better done. The First Disembarkation of Columbus in America, by the splendidly named place, as well as its historical Dioscuro Teoffio de la Puebla Tolin, is at least timely. At the very least, this period of Spanish art turns out to be far from the wasteland it has long been assumed to be.

The show of history paintings is only one of the many put on to mark the Cultural Year. The Museo Municipal has a comprehensive show, full of unexpected delights, devoted to Madrid Pintado, the images of the capital produced by dozens of painters, some very famous, some almost unknown, from the beginning of the 17th to the middle of the 20th

utstanding among the earémigré Houasse, rediscovered in a major show at this same museum a years ago. The later works include expressive pieces by such as Sorolla, Vazquez Diaz, Rusiñol and, inevitably, Picasso, all reflecting in their own ways the city's idiosyncratic combination of sensuousness and austerity.

The Prado, unexpectedly, has marked the year with an impressive show devoted to the German Romantic Caspar David Friedrich. Here at least London is appreciably ahead of Madrid. There was a major show of Friedrich at the Tate in the Seventies, and a smaller but choice display recently at the National Gallery. But the Prado's generous selection of paintings and drawings is something of a revelation - some of the works are unfamiliar, having been long buried in former East German collections.

■ La Pintura de Historia del Sieglo XIX en España is at the Antiguo Museo Español de Arte Contemporaneo (Teleione: 5497150) and Medrid Pi is at the Museo Municipal (5216656). Both continue until the end of January. ◆ Caspar David Friedrich is at the Prodo (4202836) until January 6.

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ALCINA: Handel's opera is given a new production by the American director Stephen Wadsworth Yvonne Kenny sings the title role; Ann Murray, kathleen Kultimann, Anthony Rotte Johnson, Judith Howard and Stafford Dean complete an impressive cast. John Fisher, who as mass director transformed the fortunes of Venice's La Fenior, is making his Covent Garden debut in the pit.

Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), Tonight,

THE KINGS COMMORT- Report Kno dred's programme on the theme of "A German Christmas", featuring music by Bach, Telemann and Bugerhude Wigmore Hatt, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141), Tonight, 7.30pm BitLLY BRAGG: The Berd of Barlang returns to Hackney with the Red Sters three gigs culminating in what should be the pick of the New Year's eve Barensked Lades lend support. Hackney Empire, E8 (061-985 2424). Tonight-New Yeer's eve. 8pm.

ANNUE GET YOUR GUN: Inving Bartin's pre-terminist musical is no model for a Ningtles woman but the songs are

smply smaching Prince of Wales. Coventry Street, W1 071-839 5987). Tues-Sat, 7 30pm, mals

ASSESSING SONOTHIN'S SEP END

Dommer Wirmhouse, Earthern Street, WC2 (071-867 1150) Mon-Set, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Set, 3pm, 105mms (closed

BARNIME: Enjoyable Christmas Ireat, with Paul Nicholas walking the high wire Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-590 845), Mon-Sat, 7.30cm, mets Wed and Sat, 3pm, 140mins.

BILLY LIAR The Waterhou

success of 1960 exposed as unbelanced and pretty charmless. National Theatre (Cottasioe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252), Today,

2 30pm and 7 30pm, 140mms.

Tues, Sat. 2.15pm. 180mms

THE COMEDY OF ERRORS: lan

both portly twins Berbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) Today-Sat, 7 (5pm, tomorrow, 8at, mat 2pm, 145mms.

THE GIFT OF THE GORGON: Pater

island, Deep issues, tily treatment though Judi Dench is powerful. The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-695 8891) Today, 7.15pm.

GRACE: Arms Massey and James Laurenson in nicely ected but superficial play about televangeless in Yorkshire. Hompstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NWS (071-722 9301) Mon-Sat, 8pm,

HAY PEVER: Very funny performences in Coward's excellent comady. Albery, St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-857 1115). Mon-Set, Spm, mals. Thurs, Set, Spm. 180mins.

NEW RELEASES

Shafler's latest: bloodthrsty revenge versus lorgiveness on a modem Greek

CAROUSEL: Joanna Riding and Michael Hayden star in a thumphant Michael of the Rodgers & Hernmerster Investorate or more!

targround musical. National (Lyttetton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928-2252). Mon-Sai, 7.30pm, mate

Thurs, Sat, Sun, 3pm 160mms

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts compiled by Heather Alston

Thestre Royal Stratford East, Garry Raffles Square, E15 (081-534 0310). Mon-Sat, 2.15pm and 7.15pm.

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Baroque massispreses; performed by the Sinfonte under lan Wateon motuding favourities by Bech, Pachalbel, Albinon, Haydin and Vivalid.

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DENNIS O'NEILL OPERA GALA NIGHT The London Concert Orche under Gareth Jones accompanies the tenor in an evening of operation izvourres. Bartsicen, Siik Street, EC2 (071-636)

8891) Tonight, 7.30pm. GEORGE MELLY. The singer, author and authority on modern art appears Chilton's Feetwarmers Scott's, Frith Street, W1 (071-439 0747) Tonight-Jan 2, 9 30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY: Larks in the hospital common room, matron outraged: doctors flummored. Ray Cooney farce with lots of laughts.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue,

AN IDEAL HUSBAND: Anna Carlerel, Hannah Gordon and Martin Shaw n Wilde's "Insider dealing" melodrama. Some dated essumptions but stylishly

clone Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065) Mon-Sat. 7 45pm, (1989) Thurs, 3pm, Sat. 4pm. 165mm4.

Tremendously glossy production of the Kandar & Ebb musical II occarions the values of Manuel Pug's novel but China Pivera makes a striking vamp. Stuattesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed. Sat, 3pm, 160mme, LOST IN YONKERS: Tamic performance by Hosermary managers.
Neil Simon cornedy more weighty then ance by Rosemary Hartle in a

usual. Maureen Lipmen gives good value as a loopy aunt. Strand. Alchyb., WC2 (671-990 8800). Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mate Wed, 8et, 2 30pm, 180mins MISERY: Sharon Gless and Ball

King addicts Criterion, Piccadely Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Set, 8pm, meet Wad, 3pm, Set, 4pm, 150mms. OUR SONG: Peter O'Toole in Keith Waterhouse's pley about a manopeumi male's Intaluation with a young woman. Apollo, Shafesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070), Mon-Frt. 8 15pm, Sat, Spm

PINCHY KOBI AND THE SEVEN DUPPIES! The eight black actors of The Posse in a marvellously inventive variation on the Scrooge story.

GLASGOW: Nicholas McGegan conducts a young cast in this new Scottish Opera production of The Magic Plute which uses an English translation by Jeremy Sams, Martin Duncan is the director. Theatre Royal, Hope Street, (041-332 9000). Tonight, 7 15pm

EDINBURGH: This exhibition, 5000 Power, gathers from the gallery's own collection a neries of tributer to the enduring magic of the Bremal City, including works made in Rome by such visitors as Brueghel, Bishelmer, Poussin and others, as well as locals such as Rephael and Piranes. Scots Ramsay, Wilde, David Roberts and Alexander National Gallery of Scotland, The National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound, Edinburgh (031-556 8921). Mon-Sat, 10am-8pm, Sun, 11am-8pm, until Jan 31 (closed New Year's day,

BIRMINGHAM: Helen Rovendale plays beautiful, tragic Lady Isabel Vane, whose misfortunes in Baut Lymne would met a heart of stone. Blumingment Rue Euclio, Confirm Square (021-236 4455). Mon-Sat. 7.45pm, mets Sat. 3.15pm.

Tricycle, 269 Kibum High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, met Sat,

RADIO TIMES: Tony Statiery in a lun trip down Memory Lane, set in warting Broadcasting House, bursting with sprightly Neel Gay numbers. Queen's, Shaffesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Fd, 7 30pm, Set, 8pm, mats Thure, 2.30pm, Set, 4.30pm 150mins. THREE BIRDS ALIGHTING ON A

THREE BRID'S AUGHTING ON A FIELD: Harrist Water perfect again in revival of this subite, comic state-of-the-nation play, set in a world of shifting values and plummeting ant-prices. Royal Court, Sioane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745) Mon-Sel, 8pm, met Sel, 4pm. 150mins.

TRAVELS WITH MY AUDIC: Sation THAVELS WITH MY AUAIT: Samon Cadell, John Wells, Richard Kans, Chrisophie Goo play at 25 pans in Gles Havergat's marvellous adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.

Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Set, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Set, 5pm.

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LONG RUNNIERS: Blood Brothers: Phoenix (071-867 1044)
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CHAPLIN (12): A skilled impersonation by Robert Downey Jr., but Richard Attentiorough's bitty biographical epic never penetrates for inside the man or Odeon Laicester Square (0426

◆ COOL WORLD (12) Frenetic, suffocating mixed media exercise from enimation's wild man Relph Bakshi. With Gebnel Byrne, Kim Basinger, Brad

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 HOWARDS END (PG): Absorbing version of E.M. Forster's novel about two colliding families with different ideals. With Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson, Helena Bonham-Carler. Director, James Wory Curzon Maytair (071-465 8865)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country Check with disease for opening times over the holiday period

+ HUSBANDS AND WIVES (16) Moody Allen's best firm in years, a manage, see or colepson year von manages, Stars Allen, Mia Fannow, Judy Davis, Liam Neeson, Julistia Lewis, jedish Paution Sarvet (071-930 0031) Odeon Meczaenine (0426 915693) Renoir (071-837 8402).

INTO THE WEST (PG) Two gypey children nde e mysterious white horse into western tretaind. Wayward but engaging; good for older children Stars Gabnel Byrne, Ellen Berlén, Director, Mike Newell Odeon Heymerket (0428 915353).

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OF MICE AND MEN (PG) Steinbock's classic Depression nendship and innocence. John Malkovich as the slow-wilted Le

director Gary Sinise as his protection Simple, sturdy and moving Curzon West End (071-439 4805) THE MUPPET CHRISTMAS CAROL (U) Successful blend of Dictems story with Muppet madness. Starring Michael Came as Scrooge; Kermit as Bob Cratche, Director, Brian

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 SISTER ACT (PG): Whoop!
Goldberg hides out in a convent.
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SLACKER (16)* College-age leyebouts in Austin, Texas, vent crazy thoughts on life, the Smurfs and UFOs. Strieng debut by Illm-maker Richard Linigitier, with an amateur cast. Metro (071-437 0757).

 STRICTLY BALLPOOM (PG): One dancer's fight to defy the rules of the Australian Ballmorn Denong Pederation, Ebutlers, introdesing diabul by director Baz Luhrmann. With Paul Marcurio, Tara Morice MCM Chelles (071-352 5096) \$8256 Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Odeonic Kennington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (0426 915683) Plaza (071-497 9999) Flanoir (071-837 8402). DANCE: John Percival has a message for Covent Garden supremo Jeremy Isaacs

Less slapstick, more romance



Viviana Durante in the title role of Cinderella for the Royal Ballet

ear Jeremy Isaacs: Thank you for your letter to audiences published in the vastly expensive programme book for Cinderella. It is good to see you as general director putting a brave face on your defence of the Royal Ballet's repertoire for its range as well as its quality. And of course, compared with a company such as the Bolshoi Ballet in its present state, you are absolutely right.

What some of us wonder is whether you realise that when we say your offerings look to us both limited and conservative, that criticism is based not just on comparisons elsewhere but on a longer experience than yours of the more varied and more daring programmes that this company used to

However, this is the season of good will, so let us be grateful for being allowed another good ballet by Frederick Ashton hard on the heels of The Dream - even if there is to be nothing more all season by the first and best of the company's choreographers.

Too bad that you are stuck with David Walker's vulgar designs for Cinderella; at least they look as costly as they doubtless were. And it is not your fault that some of the heart has been allowed to go out of the performances; did you ever see Cinderella in the days when gales of laughter swept continually through the auditorium? There was actually less slapstick at that time: I do not remember Ashton, as one of the step-sisters, needing to roll down the stairs as he entered the ballroom.

More subtlety is needed, not more farce. For an idea of what is missing. you might watch David Bintley, the only one among six men playing the step-sisters at your three opening performances who remembers to give the role some real femininity.

Not only are there fewer laughs nowadays; there used to be a furtive tear or two for these characters and others. Look at your jester: Tetsuya Kumakawa and Peter Abeggien both

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do some brilliant steps in this role, but it has become like those Russian Swan Lake jesters, all surface flash. Whatever happened to the mysterious sadness that used to be half-hidden beneath the bravura?

Congratulations, however, on the way the corps de ballet are dancing (do I detect the hand of Michael Somes supervising rehearsals?). And your orchestra, with Barry Wordsworth conducting, is playing much better than often used to be the case on ballet

The company has some very good young men: Bruce Sansom and Stuart Cassidy are both excellent as the prince: full of spirit and romance, and Michael Nunn needs only a little more dash to equal them. But lyrical ballerinas are harder to come by, and your aspirant ballerinas have all been concentrating on other qualities, drama or zest, rather than lyricism.

Even Viviana Durante got it wrong on opening night, chopping up the long flowing phrases of Cinderella's dances and making the role too brittle. So for heaven's sake hold on to your regular guest artist. Nina Ananiashvili; her crystal clear technique is joined to a wonderful musical quality.

No. Ananiashvili is not "like" Margot Fonteyn, but she brings her own equivalent of the wholeness, the harmony and the radiance which Fonteyn used to have. She certainly does not neglect the character: pathos, fun and romance all shine in her dancing.

Just as with another guest star, a few years ago. Gelsey Kirkland, here is an outsider showing something of the old Royal Ballet style which our own dancers have forgotten. Let us hope we can all learn something from her.

Anyway, season's greetings to you too and a happier new ballet year for all

ARTS FESTIVALS: To be successful they must either be international or genuinely local

To stay small or make it massive?

Richard Morrison looks at the troubled world of arts

festival administration in Britain and asks whether

hat is it about running an arts leady that seems to lead same rubble arts. inexorably towards rows and resignations? The latest casualty is Jane Glover, who parted company from Buxton Festival last week, just a few months after becoming artistic

The hope was that Glover would restore to the Derbyshire soa some of the cultural lustre that the festival's founders had briefly captured when they renovated the Frank Matchamarned opera house in the late Seventies and filled it with rare operatic gems. Indeed. Glover is known to have produced an ambitious long-term plan. On the strength of this, presumably, a £195,000 grant from the Foundation for Sport and the Arts has been awarded to Buxton.

Whether the Buxton committee will now proceed with this plan, given how terminal has been the disagreement with Glover, must be in doubt. What now happens to the money? Who takes charge of the 1993 festival? Will it be worth a candle? There are many questions; no ready answers.

But the Buxton bust-up is by no means unique. Britain has more festivals than any other country, and more festival disputes. In the last two years trouble has flared at Bath (an unpleasant campaign of "elitist" taunts in the local press): in Malvern (a row over whether the regional arts board reneged on a "promise" to provide extra funds for commissions); and in Chichester (director Michael Rudman left after disagreeing with his board about the choice of plays). The Almeida Festival of Contempo-

cient attention. But can he be surprised before she had really begun at the degree of scepticism towards something so obviously of bringing culture to the people.

created on a politician's whim? Meanwhile at Edinburgh, the biggest festival of them all, is a long history of director-baiting. Peter Diamand was attacked for being too highbrow and internationalist, the hapless Drummond for being too music orientated, and Frank Dunlop for being too

individuals who

have gone on to other things; and in-

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these culture-binges are particularly to be desired is a measure of how far Edinburgh has adventure in Islington - simply folded slipped down the international league when the persuasive Pierre Audi left: that much more attention was focused

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apparently nobody else could conjure last summer on how Salzburg's new up such a feast with such scartly funds. festival boss, Gérard Mortier, would reform his festival than on how Edin-Other festivals, too, have risen, briefly burgh's new director, Brian McMasglimmered and then sunk without

Jane Glover: she left Buxton

the more daunting challenge of reinventing Edinburgh. And reinvention is surely the right word, not just for Edinburgh but for the whole British concept of the arts festival. You must remember the history. Many of the most famous festivals were founded

when notions of "rebuilding communities" were all mixed up with the fledgling Arts Council's idea That was fine, for a while. But "community pride" in the old, pre-war sense was never recaptured. And as for bringing culture to the people, well,

there turned out to be less urgency once

it was realised that cars, television and

records could bring the people to culture much more easily. Nowadays,

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soon after 1945.

enormous, like Edinburgh, or the location has to be tiny, like Snape. Having lost their original sense of purpose, it is not surprising that festivals have turned into battle-

at all, either the festival has to be

grounds for clashing vested interests. Local councillors may see political mileage in backing a festival to demonstrate their "enlightened" concern for local culture, or in opposing it to emphasise their macho crudentials for protecting the public's money. Ambitious artistic directors may unscrupulously devise programmes more with an eye to winning glowing reports from London-based critics than to satisfying real local appetites.

Some performers, too, regard a summer round of festivals simply as a way of being paid 12 times over for preparing the same pro-gramme. Far from celebrating local resourcefulness and variety, festivals become carbon-copies in such circumstances. As for local businessmen, the value of their sponsorship is too often countered by a tendency for them to impose artistic preferences, especially when a large donation buys them a voice on the festival committee.

None of this, I am sure, is remotely relevant to Buxton. Doubtless some-body there will pull the 1993 festival together. After all, Britain currently has an excellent batch of arts administrators, adept at making improbable ends meet. But if a town has no raging thirst for culture, what is the point of having a festival? We have become experts at answering the question "how?"; it is time we asked the more basic question why?".

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THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale recalls his highlight of 1992. Jeremy Kingston looks in vain for seasonal cheer

Ambushed by a moment of magic

I tend to reach for my garlic. Anything to dewitchcraft, the fake enchantment implied by the phrase. "Theatrical magic" means gooey reworkings of the Cinderella story, bland revivals of Gilbert and Sullivan, and the kind of bright, winsome production of A Midsummer Night's Dream that makes some of us want not merely to see Robert Lepage's mudbath version of the play but to jump onstage and cake ourselves in the decor. Or does it, must it? Could there be a less sentimental definition of the diché?

Yes, I think there could. I myself experience what I call theatrical magic pretty seldom, on average once every three or four years: and I did so again in 1992. It was not at Lepage's Dream, though the production proved to be as imaginative as it was insanitary. Nor was it at Stephen Daldry's revival of Priestley's An Inspector Calls, or at Terry Hands's version of Tamberlaine the Great, or even during the opening love scene in Carousel, all of which I saw and much admired this year. No, it was at Richard Eyre's somewhat uneven restaging of one of Tennessee Williams's middling to lesser plays, The Night of the Iguana.

There is a point late in the piece when one of the subsidiary charac-ters, a New England spinster, talks to a defrocked priest about her experience of love. This turns out primarily to consist of a lonely encounter with a dowdy businessman in a boat off Singapore he fondled her underwear while she looked the other way. Could anything be sadder, pettler or more sordid? But as Eileen Atkins told Alfred Molina the tale in her still, grave way, she might have been incanting a spell across the foot-lights. On that first night critics, cognoscenti and assorted other cynics sat entranced by her offbeat magic, mesmerised by something that struck me for one as unac-

countably profound. The symptoms we felt that night are hard to describe, but unmistakable. For me, they consisted of a prickling at the back of the neck and a sense of being lifted out of myself. I had something of the same experience when Gielgud's Prospero renounced his powers, when Scoffeld's Vanya contemplated the barren years ahead, when Ralph Richardson's John Gabriel Borkman spoke of his love for the voice of his, and, in a New York Death of a Salesman, when Dustin Hoffman's Willy Loman cradled John Malkovich's Biff Loman, on his face the kind of disbelieving tenderness you sometimes see in fathers when they pick up their newborn children for the

As it happened, those were all to describe. It was as if he was



Sharing a spellbinding revelation: Alfred Molina listens as Eileen Atkins recalls her experience of love, in Richard Eyre's production of The Night of the Iguana

major productions, major events: but the same strange magic can occur at lesser ones. It was there when Barbara Jefford played Phèdre in a half-derelict theatre in Salford 25 years ago; and it did not matter that her desolate cries were punctuated by a urinal that kept noisily flushing every two or three minutes. It was certainly there when Anthony Hopkins appeared in Schnitzler's Lonely Road in 1985, a performance unjustly overshadowed by the newspaper magnate he played the same year in Hare and Brenton's high-profile

Hopkins was one of Schnitzler's years before had made a woman pregnant on the eve of her marriage to someone else and was belatedly discovering paternal feelings in himself. He stood there facing the audience, something surely not just glycerine running down his cheeks, a look on his face it still defies my poor imagination

peering into his own coffin, exhuming his own corpse, trying to resuscitate his own decomposing heart and, of course, failing quite to

erhaps that suggests what these events have in common. They tend not to be ones of all-electric passion: Olivier's Othello ululating in agony, or his Shylock wailing from the wings after his exit from the Doge's courtroom. They do not even seem to be the traditionally wrenching ones: Hordern's Lear mudging in with Cordelia dead in his arms. take aim at something beeven the heart. They leave us the impression we have been looking into somebody's very soul.

It would be nice to believe that is how the ancient Athenians felt when Aeschylus's Prometheus explained why he had presented mankind with the gift of fire, or Sophodes's Oedipus was assumed into heaven at Colonus. The link

between theatre and religion was still alive then. Mysteries were being publicly celebrated. Dionysus's priests were doubtless in the front row looking pious and important. Yet who knows? Amateurish actors, an uncomfortably crowded hillside, swarms of midges and no flyspray to combat them: somehow I suspect a modern secular theatre is more likely to promote Grecian ecstasy.

And that sort of ecstasy is only to se found in the live theatre. Some of the best performances I saw in 1992 were on television, culminating in Alec Guinness's Heinrich Mann in Christopher Hampton's easily forget the look on his face when his drunken wife yet again disgraced herself in public or, towards the play's end, he drove her in her death-throes to one uncaring hospital after another. Yet, though much can be electronically conveyed these days, not serious magic. A spooky contact between actor and audience -- sometimes includ-

ing words but always beyond them is of the very essence. What I felt about Eileen Atkins's Hannah I feit alone. Though their reviews indicated otherwise, there may have been one or two of my fellow critics who were thinking about their suppers while she was talking of her oddball love, yet the communal feel was unmissable. It was as if we were being collectively trans-ported into some fourth dimension. But if the live theatre makes such moments possible, it also explains why they are elusive. I felt that magic when I saw Les Misérables, as did those around me, some of whose faces suggested they were watching the arrival of the spaceship in Close Encounters. But it had become a more ordinary excitement when I saw the show with another Valjean reaching into

himself to forgive another Javert.

There may even have been eve-

nings when Atkins, because she or

the audience or both were in a

down mood, failed to produce her

creative sorcery. Conversely, I have

it on good authority that there were times in 1992 when Robert Stephens's sad, self-doubting Fal-staff achieved a lift-off he did not quite manage on opening night. After all, every performance is different, and first ones are seldom Perhaps this evanescent some-

thing can only be described metaphorically. If so, a good analogy is to be found in Brian Friel's Faith Healer, which was actually revived at the Royal Court early in 1992. The shaman of the title tours the country, rarely accomplishing much, let alone the "exultation, the consummation" he craves. And Welsh village ten people are healed: "there was no shouting or cheering or dancing with joy. Hardly a word was spoken. It was like not only had he taken away whatever was wrong with them, he had given them some great content in themselves as well." As Friel clearly knows, and wants us to know, theatrical magic is like that too.

Pity the poor old princess

Sleeping Beauty Drill Hall, London WC1

AFTER the delirious charms of last year's all-woman Peter Pan, the same production team reconstructs the tale of the princess who took 40,000 winks, and I am sorry to say that a real old hash the team has made of it. Story, set, several performances and even the acoustics go wrong: wit and jokes are only sporadic, and double entendres (I mean, this is adult pantomime) hardly feature.

The only significant event in the heroine's life, before hitting the pillow for 100 years, is that she wanders away from her 21st birthday party and gets a prick. Not much of a schoolboy (or schoolgir) mind is required to grasp the verbal potential of that, but writers Bryony Lavery (last year's myopic Tinker Bell) and Nona Shepphard, who also directs, waste the opportunity. Su Elliott's Bad Fairy, the best thing in the show, seemed about to rise to the occasion when she began telling the audience what to expect if we crossed her off our invitation lists. But the obvious pay-off never

Swelling the ranks of the good godmothers with characters from other fairytales is a promising idea. Beauty takes time off from her Beast, Gretel leaves Hansel chewing his way through load-bearing joists of gingerbread, but their personalities as fashion-freak and food-buff prove unrewarding. Tricia Kelly's auntyish principal godmother might have made something good of the role had she been given decent, or even inde-

Eiliott looks suitably malevolent in a dress tricked out with black feathers and a fancy little 1940s fur cap, widow's-peaking over her fore-head. Her dinky face and two front teeth give her the appearance of a Cilla Black gone to the devil. She arches her back and claws at the air but her battles with Kelly need far more magic trickery.

Of course there are amusing moments now and then, such as the fresh words to a well-known tune sung by Suneeta Rathore's Princess after her brush with the spinning wheel: "I feel drowsy, oh feel." But the final hymn to ecology and a happy future is yawningly insipid. Gretel trills, "No one shall of hunger die," which is not awful in a way suited to pantomime. where awful can be great, but, since intended to bear a message: awnul,

JEREMY KINGSTON

TELEVISION REVIEW: a blast from the past, mingled with the scent of suntan oil



The way we were daring: bathers on a Coney Island beach when topless applied only to sports cars

onsidering that, nowadays, even a sado-masochists orgy involving the use of equipment usually only seen in torture chambers (or on the sets of avant-garde operas) passes for runof the mill entertainment, it seems remarkable that The New York Times felt sufficiently shocked by the goings on at Brooklyn's Coney

Watching the archive stills and newsreel footage stylishly woven into last night's documentary Coney Island (Charmel 4). New York's famous playground looked like a gentle reminder of a more innocent age, when people got kicks from Ferris wheels rather than free-basing Maxim Gorky, not writing in The New York Times, called it "fabulous beyond conceiv-

Island amusement empire early this century to dub it "Sodom-by-

ing, ineffably beautiful."
Of course there were pre-political-correctness horrors, such as "Midget City", home to 500

Life's a beach

dwarves, and the public electrocution of Topsy, one of Coney Island's performing elephants. Topsy had to be put down anyway, so why not make a show of it? The idea of electrocuting the six-ton beast was dreamt up after the city authorities had refused to allow the far more spectacular prospect of hanging it. But there were also rides and

amusements that popped the eyes of New York's huddled masses, who were still poor enough and unworldly enough to gawp when they saw the thousands of lightbulbs that illuminated Coney Island's towers, visible for miles out to sea. By the end of the 19th century there were more than three million New Yorkers, half of thera living in packed-like sardines slums. On a warm summer Sunday, you could find a quarter of a million of them at the electric Eden of Coney Island, which provided not only an escape from a hard life but also a taste of the technologies

and possibilities of a new age.

· By 1905 Coney Island was world famous, although its attractions seem enviably modest wooden rollercoasters, beaches on which bathers swam fully clothed, staged fire disasters, Boer War battles reenacted by 600 veterans from Johannesburg, a mock Venice complete with doge's palace and gondola-filled canals, a Swiss Alpine train ride up a mountainside blasted with chilled air, and a marvellously preposterous steeplechase ride in which mechanical horses carried saddled customers along a halfmile railway racetrack. Coney 1sland is even said to have given birth

to the hot dog.

Perhaps it was the sprinkling of pickpockets, prize fighters and

prostitutes which such places attract that led The New York Times to see in Coney Island "scenes that shock and disgust". Few others minded. Except maybe Topsy.

For decades, Coney Island was a summer safety valve, offering New Yorkers an escape and a chance to see the wonders of a world that was still a long way from the days when technologically-jaded westerners would begin keeping a television in every room, and own at least one computer that could communicate

But by the late 1940s, there was less need for this miniature World Fair of new gadgets and impossibly tall towers. So Coney Island withered, but it had done a sizzling job of playing midwife to the larger, richer, modern world. Now it's not just a spit of land at the foot of Brooklyn that The New York Times found shocking, but the whole of New York

JOE JOSEPH

All eyes on Antwerp, back on top again

ens in 1985, a string of cities from across the Euro-pean Community has played symbolic host to the arts each year. But unlike the internationalism of Glasgow in 1990. or Madrid in 1992, Antwerp is concentrating on its own heritage and future as the 1993 Cultural Capital of Europe. The planners intend that 1993 will have a lasting impact which will help shape the Belgian artistic climate well into the 21st century.

As might be expected from the home of Rubens, Antwerp will stage several major art exhibitions. The most significant is the show, at the Royal Museum of Fine Arts, marking the 400th anniversary of the birth of Antwerp painter

Joacob Jordaens. In the performing arts. Antwerp 93 is to present a Festival of Contemporary Opera, with three new operas to which Flemish artists have made a significant contribution: a theatre festival will feature productions that deal with the

Antwerp, with its proud history as a port and trade centre, will be the 1993 Cultural Capital of Europe, writes Allen Robertson

there will be visits by the Frankfurt Ballet and Trisha Brown Dance Company from America. The city of diamonds will play host to a large British contingent the Philharmonia, conducted by Pierre Boulez, the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Sumon Rattle, and Roger Norrington with the Chamber Orchestra

The elegant Bourla, the city's intimate 800-seat Theatre Royal, is being restored to mark the occasion. Built in 1827, it had to be closed down due to safety hazards in 1980. Now it is being given an extensive facelift. Hundreds of craftsmen, using traditional techniques, are taking it back to its original splendour. They are cleaning more than a century's worth of grime off

the ceiling frescoes, adding

bits of gold leaf to the ornate proscenium arch and replac-ing pieces of wood into the intricate marquetry floors. Highlights of the Bourla's 1993 schedule include several

world premieres. It may surprise some, but Aniwerp has played host to three world's fairs - in 1885. 1894 and again in 1930, when the city built what became the first skyscraper in Europe. Antwerp may not be top of the tourist list, but it was once second only to Paris in size and importance.

Today it is still a major port. with an energetic bustle dating back centuries to the time when it was a major European crossroads. In recognition of this there will be a tall ships regatta in August. Still with the maritime theme, one of the city's leading architects, Bob van Reeth, has converted a 77-

foot barge into a theatre that has been dubbed the Ark. Moored in the Scheldt River, it will also function as a floating home over the summer months for 15 youth companies from around the world, notably from former Belgian colonies, but also from St Petersburg, Prague, Istan-bol and North America.

There will be music festivals from the city's major immigrant communities: Moroccan, Hebrew, Turkish, Spanish and Indian. There will also be plenty of jazz and pop, plus more than 100 concerts, that will range from Monteverdi to Stravinsky, in churches and

One of the themes of 1993 is Antwerp as an "open city". Much of the old city is now restricted to pedestrians and this will give an added zest to all of the music and street theatre that is planned. There will also be an open-air museum where a dozen international artists will create site specific sculpture.

March 26



Can art save the

world?

werpen 93 Cultural capital of Europe



Two lawyers play fortune-teller for the profession in 1993 and can see, through the clouds in the crystal ball, some peculiar events

• January: Devon and Cornwall solicitors announce they are pulling out permanently from legal aid work in protest against fixed fees. A Treasury spokesman urges other solicitors to follow suit

 February: The debate over wigs continues: a report commissioned by radical barristers suggests that in very hot weather judges in the divisional court may remove their wigs. One senior judge condemns this as "the most pernicious suggestion ever made and a direct attack upon liberty, democracy and the entire legal system". Other judges use stronger language.

 March: The home secretary orders an enquiry after press disclosures that 99 per cent of defendants have been rightly convicted of the crimes they committed. The Lord Chancellor proposes a 0.0002 per cent rise in legal aid rates.

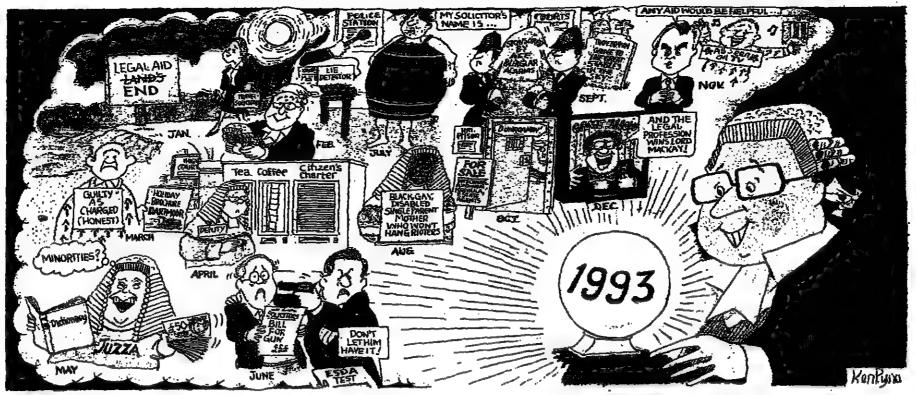
● April: The Lord Chancellor is summoned to Downing Street to explain to the prime minister the lack of progress with the citizen's charter for the courts. The Lord Chancellor explains that agreement has been reached over the requirement that there be a drinks vending machine in every tier I crown court save for those courts where it is deemed to be inappropriate. The cabinet secretary advises the prime minister that by legal standards this is indeed a radical and far reaching proposal.

 May: The government is embarrassed by the leak that the Top People's Pay Review Body, acting on legal advice, is having to recommend that judges be given pay rises of 256 per cent to put them in the same position as those in comparable occupations. An enquiry is set up into the leak of its list of comparable occupations to the press. The list shows that the Lord Chief Justice's pay is to be linked to that of Paul Gascoigne. The Law Society is concerned to find the comparable job for a solicitor is a Mexican fruit picker.

 June: Devon and Cornwall solicitors threaten to take hostages and even to shoot them. The government says it will never give in to threats. The Law Society arranges a crisis conference on legal aid funding, to be be held in Rio de Janeiro.

● July: Defaulting solicitors cause such inroads into the Solicitors'

Don't worry, it gets worse



Compensation Fund that the Law Society is forced to give emergency advice to clients: "Under no circumstances should you let a solicitor have any of your money." The payments department of the Legal Aid Board confirms that this has always been their policy.

The Abbey National takes the initiative in the war against mortgage fraud and assumes the power to arrest solicitors and detain them without trial. The police ask the government for similar powers.

 August: Stung by criticism that judges are selected from an unrepresentative clique, the Lord Chancellor announces categories of applicants who will get special treatment: women with children, ethnic minorities, the disabled and gays. After representations by the Law Society, solicitors are added.

• September: It proves impossible for the Serious Fraud Office to arrest arryone without the press first being tipped off. Advertisers start taking space on the walls of prominent fraudsters' houses. The attorney-general canvasses opinion as to whether arrests can be commercially sponsored.

 October: The prison privatisation programme carries on and the government announces plans to sell off prison cells. Discounts are to be offered to prisoners with lengthy sentences. Ford Open Prison is offered for sale and attracts immense interest from merchant banks for use as a staff training centre. The prison water which is believed to have cured Ernest Saunders from his illness is bottled and sold for its miraculous healing

• November: Solicitors change their tack over legal aid and campaign for it to be administered by the Treasury. New "Lamont criteria" replace the old eligibility criteria. Under their proposals

people will be eligible for legal aid on incomes up to £63,000.

• December: The commercial

court again threatens to grind to a halt through lack of judges. The Lord Chancellor proposes a "demand-led consumerist solution". The producers of Gladiators will be put in charge of the court, which will be televised as Trial by Ordeal. Judges will be replaced by an electronic scoreboard as lawyers and litigants compete in a series of games. A studio audience will judge "Guess Who's Lying" while barristers stand on platforms and prod each other with giant briefs stuffed with money. There will even be a game for barristers' clerks -Late Return" — where clerks compete to see who can be the latest to return a brief. Traditionalists withdraw objections once the Lord Chancellor makes it clear that

Hong Kong

everyone will wear wigs. PATRICK STEVENS

January: The year begins with condemnation throughout the profession of the Lord Chancellor. The Bar offers to peg legal aid fees at the June 1989 levels. "I had planned that myself," Lord Mackay of Clashfern says. The home secretary vows to clear police cells of prisoners for at least one day during the

• February: Under the new multipartnership rules solicitors are allowed to link with travel agents. "Once we were hommes d'affaires, now we are hommes de Cook's," says a Law Society spokesperson proudly. Solicitors are advised to apply for membership of ABTA as well as FIMBRA. Legal aid rates are pegged at 1985 levels.

 March: Complaints come from dissatisfied travellers that their lawyer, Solicitor Travel Agency, has booked them into the Hotel de Ville as opposed to the Hotel du Lac. The Solicitors' Complaints

June: The Royal Commission's report recommends the use of lie detectors, citing one defendant: "I was going to ask for one." Tests showed that the second sheet, which added. "but please God the old boy won't let me have it", had been inserted by the police officer.

• July: Legal Aid rates are pegged at 1972 levels. Use of the lie detector is clarified: it is for the police, not the defendant. Police cells are cleared of prisoners on July 31. The second time in a decade.

● August: Prisoners re-admitted to police cells on August 1. "It is only a temporary measure caused by rioting/industrial action by warders/renovation/over-sentencing," the Home Office says.

• September: Under mounting pressure to peg legal aid rates at 1979 rates, the Lord Chancellor resigns, to glowing tributes. "We shall not see his like again," a Law Society spokesperson says. This eulogy, it is found, appeared on the grave of the Grand National winner, Troytown, killed in a drag race at Auteuil.

 October: The number of paying delegates does not top the hoped-for 100 mark at the Law Society's conference, which next year will be held in London, possibly with the Bar. There are objections. "Why change a winning formula?" asks a spokesperson. The reporter cannot recall from which side of the professional fence the remark came.

 November: Field trials undertaken in cases where the defendant appears not in court but on closed circuit television from prison are enormously successful. "I find if he is obstructive or argumentative, I jangle the coins in my pocket. This causes interference with the reception and it cuts him off in his prime," says a member of the Crown Prosecution Service. "It also saves him adding perjury to his

• December: Legal aid fees are pegged at 1967 levels. The president of the Law Society and the chairman of the Bar Council in a rare joint statement predict that the profession will be worse in 1994 than in the present year but not as badly off as in 1995. Lord Mackey returns as Lord Chancellor. --

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THE TIMES/NABARRO NATHANSON QUIZ OF THE LEGAL YEAR







Bureau places a restriction on the

solicitor's practising certificate. Nothing is said about his work as a

April: The Court of Appeal hears

16 appeals from decisions by

deputy High Court judges - now

sitting on all High Court cases

because of the shortage of full-time judges - and upholds all decisions.

• May: No progress has been made on the appointment of the

minorities, women and solicitors to

the bench. "I am not sure that

statistics are meaningful. It is not

that individuals do not have abili-

they do not have the opportunity."

" the Lord Chancellor says, "it is

Sixteen decisions by High Court

iudges on the same points as those

in April are overturned by the

Court of Appeal, "Deputies do it

quicker, better, and the right way,"

says a spokesperson launching the

slogan for the new Deputy High

Court Judges' Association.



Making news in 1992: Paddy Ashdown, Barbara Mills, QC, Rosemary "Lady" Aberdour, and Kevin and Ian Maxwell

Test yourself on 1992

LAWYERS! Fed up with television? champagne but a donation of £100 Take some mental exercise with The Times/Nabarro Nathanson Quiz of the Legal Year.

Entries will be accepted from firms or individuals (one per person or firm) and the winning entry will not only receive a magnum of

to a charity of their choice.

the DeLorean Sports Car

Company. How much was his

2. Kevin and Ian Maxwell

faced charges of theft, fraud and conspiracy to defraud. They were both charged and

released on bail. How much?

3. A former director of Bish-

opsgate Investment Manage-

ment which managed part of

the Maxwell pension funds was also accused of six charges

of theft and conspiracy to

In a survey, which "itchy,

antique, ridiculous and unhy-

gienic" items did crown court defendants tell the legal pro-fession they should keep?

1. The Channel 4 documenta-

ty The Leader, His Driver and

the Driver's Wife provoked a colourful libel trial:

Nathanson or News Inter- and statements.

defraud. Who was he?

a. E750,000

b. £1.25 million

c. E2.25 million

The winner must answer all questions correctly and provide the best statement, in not more than 30 legal event of 1992 and why.

The name of the winner, and the correct answers, will be printed in Law Times on Tuesday, January 19. 1993. The editor's decision shall be final. The Times shall be licensed to words, of what, in his or her reproduce the winning statement opinion, was the most significant and any other statement of particular merit.

The Legal Aid Board granted legal aid to 12,000 residents of Docklands, London. What was the nature of their claim?

February

I. A man was charged with handling stolen goods belonging to Paddy Ashdown's

a. Who was he? b. Who were the solicitors?

March 1. Which Freeman waged war against Lloyd's on behalf of disgruntled names? 2. Rosemary "Lady" Aberdour was found guilty of embez-zling the National Hospital Development Foundation to fund a lavish lifestyle of parties, fast cars and servants. How much was she charged with having taken and what was her sentence?

 A pop star successfully claimed defamation against The Face magazine:

b. What was he awarded? 2. Who was appointed as head of the Serious Fraud Office?

The Director of Public Prose-Competition rules: send encutions, Barbara Mills, QC. tries by Monday January decided that 200 police offi-11. 1993, to: Gabrielle Blamey, Nabarro Nathan-son, 50 Stratton Street, cers would not face criminal proceedings over allegations London, W1X 5FL (or fax: 071-629 . 7900). Persons under the age of 18 and employees of Nabarro of police malpractice. Which police force did they belong to?

1. Pred Bushell, the former head of the Lotus car com-

a. Who was the "The Lead- averse to ...?" (Complete Mr pany, was convicted of a "barefaced outrageous and massive er" and what colour were his Carman's question). fraud" (Lord Justice Murray at underpants? Belfast Crown Court) against

b. What did Charles Gray. October
QC, irvite the jury to look. 1. A girl of 14 obtained a court through?
c. The costs of the plaintiff, Jani Allan, were estimated at:

a. £100.000 b. £300,000 c. £450.000

died at the age of 86? September

2. Which distinguished judge

i. Liverpool lawyer, Sean Sexton, got his client off a drink drive charge by discovering a loophole in the law. What was the loophale? 2. Mona Bauwens, the daugh-

ter of a prominent member of the Palestine Liberation Org-anisation, brought charges of libel against The People newspaper over an article concerning her on holiday in Marbella with David Mellor. the former heritage secretary. and his family. For The People, George Carman, QC, asked a High Court jury: "Am I being unfair or unduly cynical in saying that ministers of the Crown are not

national and its subsidiary companies, and their fam-

ilies, are not eligible to enter

this competition. Neither

Nathanson will enter into

any correspondence with

entrants, who should keep

copies of their entry forms

order to "divorce" her parents. Under which act did she win

2. Who is the man, below, and

her "divorce"?

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what did he want you to do?

The three defendants in the 'Matrix Churchill Case' were acquitted of illegally exporting arms making equipment to

iraq.

2. Who were they?

b. Which four government ministers signed public interest immunity certificates? c. Which minister's evidence

let the cat out of the bag? December . Which minister faced calls to resign after two High Court judges found he had acred

unlawfully over pit closures?

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MACRAE

BRENNER

Planning

immunity

after

four years

Doncaster Borough Council v
Secretary of State for the

Environment and Another

The immunity from enforcement

notice proceedings after four years.

under section 172(4)(c) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 [now section 171B(2), as

inserted by section 4 of the Plan-ning and Compensation Act 1991; applied equally to a breach of planning control consisting of the change of use without planning permission of a single dwelling bruss into two or more separate

permission of a single dwelling house into two, or more, separate dwelling houses as to the unpermitted use of a building as a single dwelling house.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Farmsharson and Lord Justice Farmsharson and Lord Justice)

labour remains liable

Morris v Breaveglen Ltd (trading as Amac Construction Co)

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord

[Judgment December 11] An employer who, under a labour only subcontract, sent his em-ployee to work on site under the direction and control of the main contractor, remained liable to his employee if the system of work was

If he had in the past allowed his employee to operate plant for which he had had no proper instruction he would be liable for injury to his employee caused by such lack of instruction when the employee was using the main

In such circumstances the em-In Such circumstances use em-ployer was liable under regulation 3 of the Construction (General Provisions) Regulations (SI 1961 No 1580) if the plant was used in breach of those regulations.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the defendants. Breaveglen Ltd. from the judgment of Mr Justice Sheen in March 1992 that they and not the contractors, Sleeman Construction Ltd. were liable in damages for injuries sustained to the plaintiff, Mr Richard Morris.

Mr Oliver Tiociati for the defendants: Miss Elizabeth Andrew for

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM said that the plaintiff, a building site worker, was employed by the defendants, who in 1981 by subcontract with the main contractors, Sleemans, had undertaken to provide labour for work at Dartmoor

Regina v Chief Coustable of

The West Midlands, Exparte

Regina v Chief Constable of

Nottinghamshire, Ex parte

Regina v Police Complaints

Regina v Police Complaints

Authority, Ex parte Johnson

Documents which were created

and came into existence for the

purpose of a police complaints investigation were not to be used

for any purpose in civil proceed

ings except to enable a legal

Any enquiry carried out by the

Police Complaints Authority would be seriously handicapped by

the fact that a complainant would be unwilling to make a statement which could be used to his dis-

When determining whether to

grant the police's request for a

advantage in civil proceedings.

pensation from the inve

tion of a complaint, the Police Complaints Authority were not

obliged to consider the reasonable

complainant to make a statement.

Mr Justice Popplewell so held in the Queen's Bench Division when

ness of the refusal or failure by a

adviser to advise on discovery.

Authority, Ex parte Wiley

Before Mr Justice Popolewell

[Judgment December 16]

Sunderland

plaintiff had been permitted by the defendants in the course of other work to drive a dumper truck although he had been given no proper instruction in its use.

By the terms of the subcontract the defendants were liable to observe and perform all safety obligations imposed by stance or common law and to maintain employer's liability insurance in respect of their employees.

The judge held that while working on the site, the main con-tractors had the right to control what the plaintiff did and how he

In the course of his work, the plaintiff volunteered to drive Sleemans dumnes to the street of the s Sleemans' dumper truck to take spoil from the farm to a tipping site. While doing so the truck went over the edge of the site and the plaintiff suffered serious injury. The judge found that the ac-ident was caused by an unsafe system of work and by the plain-tiff's lack of instruction in the use of the truck which at the time was ng used in breach of regulations 32 and 37 of the 1961 Regula-tions. He held the defendants

liable for breach of their duty at common law and under the regulations. The defendants contended that on the judge's findings the plaintiff had become Sleemans' employee for the work being done and that they and not the defendants were responsible for taking care for his safety and for breach of the

They relied on Mersey Docks and Harbour Board v Coggins & Griffith (Liverpool) Ltd [1947] AC 1); on Holt v Rhodes & Son (1949) Southey & Co ([1952] 1 QB 174). When the court had to decide

be used in civil case

allowing applications of Kelvin Raymond Wiley and Tony Sunderland for judicial review of

the decisions of the Chief Con-

stables of the West Midlands and

Nottinghamshire respectively,

refusing to give undertakings that documents created in relation to

police complaints investigations

gate the applicants' complaints.

Mr Richard Clayton for Mr Wiley: Mr Richard Clayton for Mr

Sunderland and Ms Johnson: Mr Jeremy Gompertz, OC, Mr Gareth

Evans and Mr Stuart Sleeman for

the chief constables: Mr David

Panrick, QC, for the Police Com-

MR JUSTICE POPPLEWELL

said that documents obtained and information resulting from com-plaints procedure investigations

vere closed for the purposes of civil

The half-way house contended

for by the chief constables, that the

use of the complaints statement by

When defendant chooses to

plaints Authority.

general employer was vicariously liable for damage caused by an employee to a third party, the right

hable for the performance of his duty to the employee and could not avoid liability if he delegated it to another who performed it negligently: Wilsons 8 Chyde Coal Co v English (1938) AC 57) and McDermid v Nash Dredging & Reclamation Co Ltd (1987) AC

without proper instruction.
It was conceded that the truck

question was whether under or using the dumper truck.

The judge held that the defendants were taking part in the building operations through their

in was correct. As subcontractors the defen-

Lord Justice Nourse and Sir

Solicitors: Nash & Co. Wimble-

Employer of subcontract No case over third party's cheque

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice McCowan and Lord Justice

(Judgment December 15) A fitter carrying out repairs to a domestic appliance at the owner's home did not have implied au-thority from his employer to accept a cheque from a third party for payment for the work.

In the absence of the employer's authority no right of action lay against the third party if the cheque was later disponomed. The Court of Appeal in reserved

The Court of Appeal in reserved judgments so held, Lord Justice Hirst dissenting, dismissing an appeal by the plaintiffs, AEG (UK) Ltd., from the judgment of Judge Kenny in Slough County Court in July 1990 rejusing their claim against the defendant, Mrs L. Lewis, on a cheque for EBO.

Mr Barry Coulter for the plaintiffs, the defendant did not appear and was not represented, LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN

said that the plaintiff's fitter had gone to the house of a Mr Cash to do work requested by Mr Cash on After the work was completed the defendant, who was Mr Cash's

Advanced Technology Struc-tures Ltd v Cray Valley Prod-

Before Lord Justice Glidew

Judgment December 21]

Lord Justice Leggatt and Lord

The Court of Appeal so stated in

dismissing an appeal by Anihouy Raymond Prant against the judg-ment and order of Judge Davies refusing Mr Prant's application to be substituted as plaintiff in an

action between the plaintiffs, Advanced Technology Structures Ltd., and the defendants, Cray Valley

Mr Desmond Wright, QC and Mrs Karen Troy-Davies for Mr

Pratt: Mr Roger Toulson, QC and

Mr Justin Fenwick for the

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Justice Hirst

daughter, signed a service repair sheet and gave the litter a cheque

for £80 for the repairs. Sub-sequently the defendant stopped the cheque because Mr Cash was disserished with the work.

Judge Kenny held that the plaintiffs claim based on the cheque failed as it was not supported by consideration. The defendant, he found, was a volunteer who was entitled to change her mind and stop the cheque and there was no legal

basis for enforcement proceedings.

Mr Couler contended that on receipt of the cheque the plaintiffs released the debt owed by Mr Cash which release was consideration for the cheque moving from the plaintiffs to Mr Cash. While consideration had to move from the promisee, it need not, he said, move to the promisor.

In the present case, he submit-ted, the plaintiffs suffered a detriment as a result of their litter accepting Mrs Lewis's cheque in that by so doing the debt of Mr Cash was entinguished. Mr Coulier accepted, however, that that begged the question which emerged as the central issue

That was, whether the fitter had express or implied authority from his employers not merely to accept someone other than the person who ordered it but in so doing to

as a necessary party to the action under Order 15, rule 7(2) of the

Rules of the Supreme Court on the footing that the plaintiff company, which had no assets, had validly assigned its cause of action against

the defendants to him, and that be

was the only person able effectively to pursue it, seeing that, although he was also devoid of means, he

was entitled to legal aid and the

The plaintiff company, which

was owned 100 per cent by a Mr and Mrs Ashfield, issued a writ

against the defendants in January 1986 chaiming tens of millions of pounds for misrepresentation, negligence and breaches of con-

Mr Prair had been appointed managing director in December 1985. On September 17, 1986 an

oral agreement was entered into that Mr Pratt would continue to

use all reasonable endeavours to

assist the company in the prosecu-tion of the proceedings in consid-

plaintiff company was not.

Clearly the fitter was not given express authority to release Mr Cash's debt. Moreover the evidence established no implied authority to do so.

To allow the appeal on the evidence would be to hold that in any case where a cheque was accepted from someone other than the person who ordered the work the fitter had authority to release from his indebtedness the person who had ordered the work.

The reality was that the fitter was saying to Mrs Lewis: "I'll take this cheque instead of cash, and, if it is honoured, well and good but if it is not my employers will look to the person who ordered the work to person who appay the bill". The appeal should be dismissed

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE, concurring, said that if the finer had had authority from the plain-tiffs to release Mr Cash from his obligation to pay by accepting Mrs Lewis's cheque, then both the obligation was released and the release was consideration for the

The plaintiffs would then have been entitled to sue on it. The finer had no such authority and Mrs Lewis was a volunteer who was entitled to stop the checute

On November 5, 1991 the

plaintiff company and Mr Pratt

executed an assignment under which, inter alia, the company assigned all its rights of action to him.

Champerty was defined in Halsbury's Lows of England (4th edition, vol 9, para 400) as "maintenance of an action in

consideration of a promise to give

the maintainer a share in the proceeds or subject matter of the

An agreement which savoured

of champerty because it involved trafficking in higation was con-

train to public policy and void.

That rule was expressly preserved by sections 13 and 14 of the Criminal Law Act 1967 which abolished criminal and tortious

However, where an assignee

could show that he had a genuine

commercial interest in the enforce

ment of the claim assigned he did not fall foul of the rule.

While Mr Toulson had accepted

liability for champerty.

Champertous agreement is void

dissenting, said that the crucial question was whether the finer had authority to release Mr Cash from his obligation on delivery by Mrs Lewis of her cheque.

On the evidence as a whole and in the light of probabilities, the plaintiffs were to be taken as having clothed the fitter with such On receipt of Mrs Lewis's

cheque a contract came into being between the plaintiffs and Mrs Lewis for good consideration and in accordance with section 21(1) of the Bills of Exchange Act 1882. A conclusion to the contrary might imperi the legal basis of a large number of other everyday cheque transactions, for example, payment by cheque transactions. at a filling station for petrol which the car owner had already put in his tank; in the absence of a cheque card the passenger would be free to stop his cheque the following day with impunity and the garage would almost certainty be unable

to trace the owner.

It was, moreover, to be a matter of concern that the result, if correct, would ende the well-established principle that a cheque was to be treated as the equivalent to cash. Solicitors:

an assignee with a genuine commercial interest obtaining a

ted that the figures under the

agreement were massively dis-

It followed that the only

commercial interest which Mr

Pratt had at the time of the

assignment was his small arrears

of salary, some £10,000, a void

agreement and, as Mr Toulson had vividly described it, "a legal

aid ticket" which could not possibly

amount to an interest sufficient to

render the assignment legitimate.

assignment to be champertous.

Lord Justice Leggatt delivered a

concurring judgment and Lord Justice Glidewell agreed.

Solicitors: Humphreys & Co, Bristol; Herbert Smith.

MR JUSTICE POPPLEWELL

said that if the word "supply" was

given its ordinary and natural

meaning it did not necessarily

import some acceptance or receipt

The hotel charged the customer

Making available a room, even

The reality of the contract the

customer entered into was that a room would be made available for

him and he would be required to

pay for it whether or not he actually used it.

HIS LORDSHIP said the fact

that the agency had designed, constructed and maintained the

ants reached the river did not amount to a positive or deliberate

act such as to render it liable on the principle in Wychavon DC v NRA (The Times September 17).

if it was not a specified room,

for the use of a room whether or

by the other party.

not it was occupied.

ustituted a supply.

Mr Wright had sought to meet

reasonable profit, he had submi

Farquharson and Lord Justice Simon Brown) so held on December 21 in a reserved judgment allowing the appeal of the Sec-retary of State for the Environment against the decision of Mr Justice Webster in the Queen's Bench Division on November 7, 1991, ordering the secretary of state to rehear the appeal of Mr A. Dunnill against an enforcement notice issued by Donesster Borough Council on June 4, 1990.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that he accepted the secretary of state's essential argusection, when construed in the context of sections 55(3)(a) and 336(1), was capable of encompassing subdivision within its protec-tion, and thus it applied so as to penefit all new separate residences after four years.

Decision has to be

reasonable

that argument by submitting that Mr Pran's entitlement to the percentage of clear profit under his service contract should also be Abu Dhabi National Tanker Co v Product Star Shipping taken into account but that could not possibly bridge the wide gap identified by Mr Toulson.
His Lordship would therefore hold both the agreement and the

The exercise of the owners' discretion whether to allow a vessel under the terms of a charterparty to proceed to the port of discharge when they believed that that port of loading was unsafe or dangerous had to be made not in an arbitrary. capricious or unreasonable man ner but honestly and fairly in the interests of all the parties.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice Mann and Lord Justice Leggatt) so held on December 4 when (i) dismissing the appeal of Product Star Shipping Ltd from the decision of Judge Anthony Diamond, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Commercial Court, on July 19, 1991 that their refusal to proceed to load was a repudiatory presch of the time charteroarty of April 6, 1987 made between them and the charterers. Abu Dhabi National Tanker Co and fill allow ing the owners' appeal from Judge Diamond's decision that damages were to be awarded to the charterers for that breach and varying the ouantum awarded.

No set-off on estimate

B. Hargreaves Ltd v Action 2000 Ltd

Where a surveyor's valuation of work commenced under a contract for the construction of a petrol station had been based on his estimation of costs, a plea of set-off tion for summary judgment for those estimates could not in common law readily and without difficulty be ascertainable as a

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice Nolan and Sir Christopher Slade) so held on December 8 when dismissing an appeal by Action 2000 Ltd against the decision of Judge Fox Andrews, QC, given in chambers on November 20, 1991 that summary judgment should be action which had arisen out of a

No special reason for not disqualifying Director of Public Prosecu- brandy and drove home where she

tions v Doyle

Before Lord Justice Rose and Mr [Judgment December 7]

Where a driver, convicted of drink driving, had deliberately taken a decision to drink when she knew that she would be driving, it was not open to justices to find that there were special reasons for not disqualifying her. The Queen's Bench Divisional

Court so held, allowing a prosecu-tion appeal by way of case stated against the decision of Manchester City Justices on February 27, 1991 not to disqualify Marie Doyle, whom they had convicted of driving with excess alcohol, on the ground that special reasons exsted. The court exercised its discretion not to remit the matter to the justices with a direction to disquality.

Mr Timothy Horlock for the osecution; Mr Charles Garside or the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE said that the defendant had gone to her former boylinend's home where she had been assaulted and damage had been done to her car.

She drove to a friend's home, relephoned the police and asked the police to meet her at her home. She then consumed a quantity of The justices had found special

reasons for not disqualifying the defendant. They found that an emergency had arisen in that the defendant had a genuine fear for her personal safety and for the safety of her property and that her unwillingness to abandon her car and use an alternative method of transport was reasonable in view of

The prosecution argued on appeal that the emergency had begun before the defendant made begun before the detendant made the decision deliberately to drink and that where a driver had deliberately taken the decision to drink knowing that he would or probably would drive, it was not open to justices to find that special reasons not to disqualify existed.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution

But if the employee was injured the general employer remained liable to him. He was personally

In any event, the defendants were liable because prior to the subcontract work they had been responsible for permitting the plaintiff to drive the dumper truck without proper in the dumper truck.

was being used in breach of regulations 32 and 37. The only at the time contractors or employers of working who were working

employee and were bound to comply with the regulations. That dants were carrying out works to which the regulations applied and through their employee the defendants were using the dumper truck to execute the works. They were liable to the plaintiff for breach of

statutory duty. John Megaw gave concurring

An agreement under which a managing director agreed to use all reasonable endeavours to assist his company in prosecuting proceedings in consideration for the payment of one-third of any damages recovered by the company net of their direct losses and legal costs was champerous and Police complaints papers cannot

purposes was not logical. Either the chief constable could use whatever information came into his hands as a result of the complaints procedure for the purpose of civil litigation, or he could time none of it. The legal besis for his Lordship's conclusion took account of the fact

vented, but that their legal advisers

were entitled to use it for other

potice complaints investigations would not be used or relied upon in civil proceedings brought by the applicants, and dismissing Mr Wiley's and Anne Johnson's applications for judicial review of the decisions of the Bullio Comthat not only did justice envisage the equal treatment of both parties as far as possible, but that also if allegations were not properly in-vestigated the public interest would the decisions of the Police Complaints Authority which dispensed not be served. The purpose of the investigation Mr Frederic Reynold, QC and

would be emasculated and frus-trated if a complainant or witness was reluctant to make a statement because of apprehension that it would be used in other When considering the request

for a dispensation is was open for the Police Complaints Authority to conclude that it was not reasonably practicable for them to complete their investigations without a state-ment from the complainant.

Solicitors: White & Billingham Wolverhampton: Nelson Johnson & Hastings. Nottingham: Ed-wards Frais, Liverpool: Treasury Solicitor, Mr J. M. Kilbey, Birmingham; Mr C. P. McKay,

liability

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that the judge had rejected liability under the rule in Rylands v Fletcher ((1868) LR 3 HL 330). Their Lordships, however, found that the strict liability established in Ballard v Tomlinson was

That conclusion made it unnecessary to consider the fun-damental questions relating to the rule in Rylands v Fletcher which were elaborately argued belote the

escape nuther than for his actions. The instant case was one where liability attached by reason of the

improperly, the court could make an order for wasted costs against

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Mr Justice Popplewell so held on December 4 in the Oueen's Bench made for the purposes of section 2 Division when allowing the appeal of the Value Added Tax Act 1983. of the Commissioners for Customs and Excise against a decision of

VAT on reserved hotel room

and Excise v Bass plc When a hotel agreed to guarantee

the availability of a room for a The supply took place when the mer, and the customer had company made available the room not occupied or cancelled the room and any charge made for it was before the end of the reservation subject to VAT. No drug sale benefit

Court on a plea of guilty to possession of one kilogram of dilute amphetamine sulphate with The potential market value of a drug found in possession of a first intent to supply, contrary to section time drug trafficker before any sale 5(3) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971. by him could not be regarded as On another indictment charg-

"any payment or other reward in connection with drug trafficking carried on by him or another" for him to have benefited from drug trafficking within section 1(3) of ing possession of a firearm without a certificate he was sentenced to 2½ years consecutive. The confiscation order was set aside as being contrary to the 1986 Acr and the the Drug Trafficking Offences Act. The Court of Appeal (Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Popplewell and total sentence reduced to 35 years. No liability

Mr Justice Laws so stated on December 17 when allowing in part an appeal by Dennis John Builer, aged 36, against sentence of two years imprisonment and a confiscation order of £5,110 against an assessed market value of £8,000, passed by Judge Beau-mont, QC, at Chelmsford Crown

Counsel to pay for wasted costs Actonelli and Others v Wade Director of Public Prosecu-

Gery Farr (a Firm) When time had been expen unnecessarily by counsel during the conduct of proceedings and the court was satisfied that counsel had acted negligently, unreasonably or

Mr Justice Turner so stated in the Queen's Bench Division on November 27 when allowing the defendant's application for wasted costs against Renee Joyce Calder, counsel for the plaintiffs, and ordering that she be liable to pay the costs of one day of the trial after

MR JUSTICE TURNER said unseen brief at very short notice was unreasonable and amounted to improper conduct, as it was bable that she had time to grasp properly the issues involved in the matter.

(1989 as amended 1990))stated that counsel should not accept instructions if to do so would cause embarrassment and that all reasonable steps should be taken by counsel when preparing a brief. As section 51 of the Supreme Count Act 1981 removed the immunity of coursel from liability for the conduct of proceedings, there was no proper reason why an order for wasted costs should not order for wasted costs should not be made against counsel who had been unclear about the issues involved. Her submissions had been rambling, had contained many embarrassing pauses and she had failed to prepare written submissions when requested by the

Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 for National Rivers Authority v Welsh Development Agency by one of its tenants. The Welsh Development Agency Mr Justice Potts so held in the was not criminally liable under section 107 of the Water Act 1989 Queen's Bench Division on December 10 dismissing the NRA appeal by way of case stated against the agency's acquired by the Liantrisant Deputy Stipendiary Magistrate.

Evidence of no fear

in affray

tions v Coother and Azother Although the test in section 3(1) of the Public Order Act 1986, that a person would be guilty of an affray if he used or threatened unlawful violence towards another and his conduct would cause a person of reasonable firmness present at the scene to fear for his personal safety, was objective, justices were entitled to take account of evidence showing where the incident occurred, the fact that the violence was restricted and that those present were not abaid.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Justice Macpherson) so stated on December 7 when dismissing the prosecution's appeal by way of case stated from the acquinal by Whit-ley Bay Justices of Terence Coucher and Michael Coucher of charges of affirmy contrary to section 3(1).

MR JUSTICE MAC-PHERSON said that if the only persons present were those in-volved in the violence the court had to consider the maner with care and imagine the reaction of a notional person of reasonable firmness present at the scene. It could take account of the

nature of the premises and scene where the incident took place. To satisfy the test a person of reasonown safety. However, there would be cases

where the violence was dearly limited to those involved and there was evidence supporting that. There was evidence here that the

other people in the pub carried on as usual despite the fight and did

and the second second second

His Lordship was satisfied that the prosecution's submission was correct. The reality was that the defendant, having driven some distance to her friend's house. dearly contemplated driving to her own house. It was then that she drank the brandy. It was not open to the justices in such circumstances to find that there were special reasons not to disqualify.

Service Manchester, Keith Dyson & Co. Manchester.

Mr Justice Pill agreed

remain silent at trial Regina v Hillier Regina v Farrar Before accepting advice not to give evidence it should be clearly under-

defendant, could properly be expected to go in presenting a delence. The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Tudor Evans and Mr Justice Tucker) so

Regina v Croydon London Borough Council, Ex parte

An illegal overstayer in another jurisdiction, who had made him-

self intentionally homeless in the

United Kingdon, could not be said

reasons for not disqualifying a driver who had refused to provide

a specimen of breath for analysis.

A driver convicted of failing to

provide a specimen of breath for

analysis could successfully argue

that there were special reasons for

not disqualifying him, even though he had provided no

explanation to the police for his

refusal at the time.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held, dismissing a

prosecution appeal by way of case

stated against the decision of the City of London Justices on October

22, 1991 that special reasons

existed for not disqualifying Simon Norman Kimersley who had been convicted of failing, without

reasonable excuse, to provide a

specimen of breath for analysis contrary to section 6(4) of the Road

tions v Kinnerslev

Justice Pill

flood by a defendant that there was

a limit to which a judge, in the absence of evidence from the

stated on December 10 when dismissing the appeals of Brian Hillier and Vivian Frederick Far-

rar against their convictions on July 30, 1992 at Winchester Crown Court (Judge Stanforth-Hill, QC and a jury) of conspiracy to chest the Revenue and, in Farrer's case, also of false

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS

Court of Appeal that a judge had not presented the defence properly in his summing up where the defendant had not given evidence. It was no part of a judge's duly to

build up the defence of someone who had chosen not to give the jury the benefit of seeing him in the wimess box, although he should remind them in summary form of what the defendant had said about the matter at some time prior to the

said that in their Lordships' experi-ence it was too often argued in the

Overstayer cannnot be settled as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held on November 13 when relusing the application of Mr and Mrs Eastern for judicial review of the decision of Croydon London Borough Council that they remained intentionally

HIS LORDSHIP said that although the applicants' accommodation in Australia, where they had entered as visitors and overstayed, had been secure, account circumstances independently of any housing matter.

The word "settled" was used not

men and that if he did not do so a plea of special reasons could not

A failure to give an early

tion's appeal was the argument that a failure to give an explana-tion at the time for refusing to provide a specimen was latal to a finding of special reasons. In his Lordship's view that argument

If Parliament had required a consemporaneous explanation it could and would ha it had not and there were no previous authorities which sug-gested that there should be such a

It was true that a driver, arrested on suspicion of driving with excess alcohol, despite having been cautioned was invited to say whether he would give a sample. However, in the absence of clear statutory

that the duty to provide a specimen included a duty to inform the police of any medical condition which prevented the provision of a which had not considered the effect of the caption.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Inner London: Powells,

Spillage

is strict Cambridge Water Company v Eastern Counties Leather ple Accidental spillage of chemicals which contaminated groundwater which the appellant statutory water company had sought to extract for the public supply, gave rise to strict

Ch D 115). The Court of Appeal (Sir Stephen Brown, President, Lord Justice Mann and Lord Justice Nolan) so held on November 19 when allowing the appeal of Cambridge Water Company against the dis-missal by Mr Justice Kennedy (The Times October 23, 1991) of the company's claim against Eastern Counties Leather plc for injunctive

relief and damages for the pollution of groundwater. LORD JUSTICE MANN said

determinative in favour of the

Whatever the answers to those questions might be, their Lordships thought the rule was mappo-site in the instant case for it made a

homeless as a result of their voluntary departure from council accommodation in Lambeth in to be occupying settled accom-modation where, if detected, he as a tents of art but as a description Fear of AIDS amounts to special reason

Director of Public Prosecu-Before Lord Justice Rose and Mr MR JUSTICE PILL said that the defendant, having been re-[Judgment December 10] quired to provide two specimens of breath for analysis, refused to do so and gave no reason for his refusal. genuine fear of contracting AID\$ as a result of blowing into a police breath test device was ca-Before the justices, the defen-dant had argued that he should

> ing specimens as he leared contracting the Human Immunodeficiency Virus which was be-lieved to lead to AIDS. The justices convicted the defendant but were of the opinion that, in the circumstances, the reason given for not providing the speci-

mens constituted a special reason

not be convicted because he had a

reasonable excuse for not provid-

for not disqualifying the The prosecution submitted on appeal that having convicted the defendant the justices were wrong to find that there were special reasons for not disqualifying. The justices had confused the circumstation of the prosecution stances which were connected with the offence with the circumstances connected with the offender. The prosecution further argued

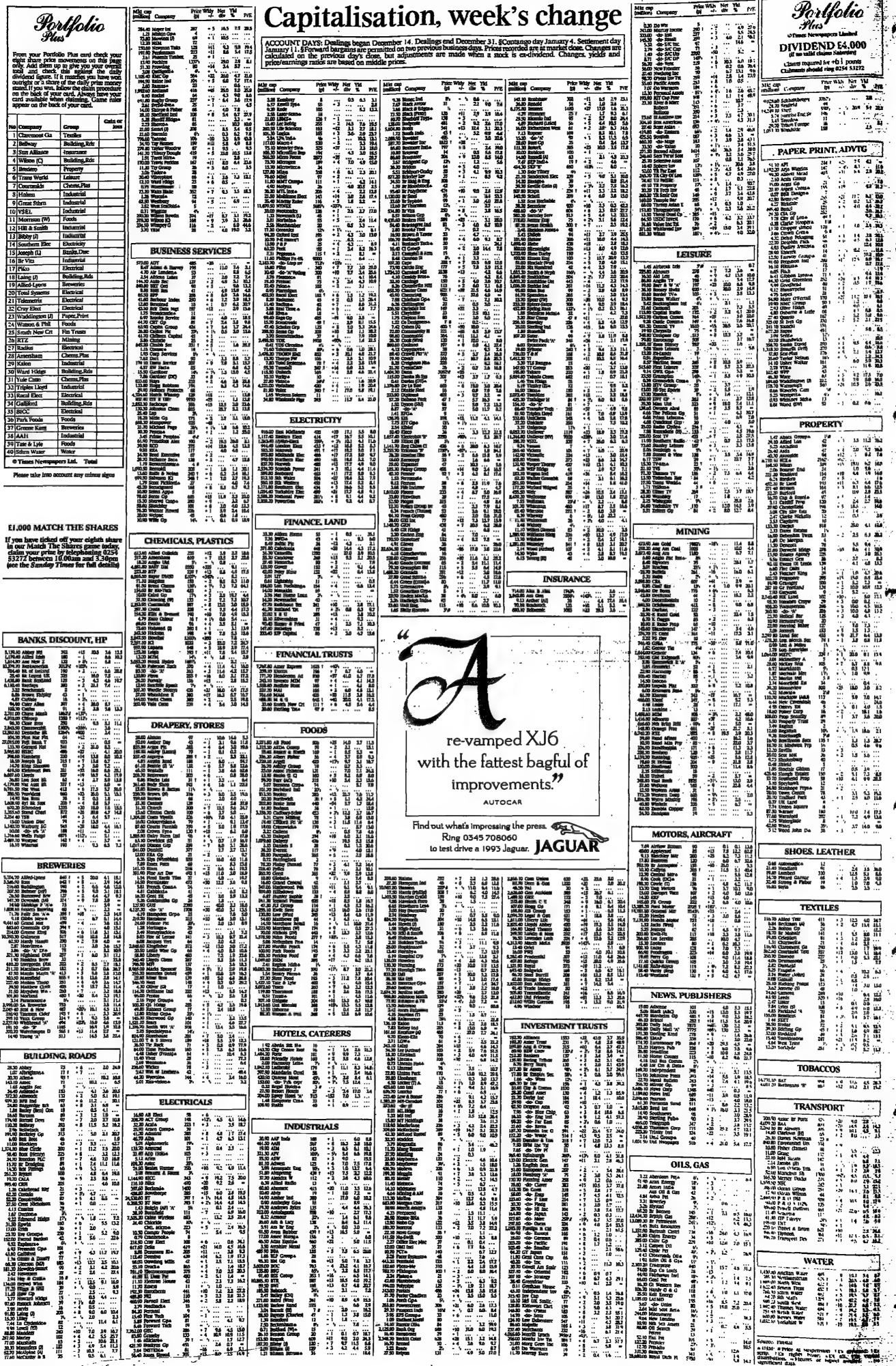
Mr Jeremy Carter-Manning for the prosecution; Mr Paul Darlow for the defendant was under a duty to draw the politic officer's attention to any circumstances duty to draw the police officer's attention to any circumstances which were special to him which prevented him providing a speci-

> In his Lordship's judgment the justices were, on the evidence, entitled to find that there were special reasons for not disqualifying the defendant. The defendant's failure to give an explanation did not exclude as a matter of law the justices' dis-cretion to make a finding of special

> explanation might reflect on the bona fides of the defendant but his Lordship could not accept that there was a legal duty to give such LORD JUSTICE ROSE said that at the heart of the prosecu-

Further, the prosecution's arguent was flawed in principle in so far as it sought to require an

language that imposed no require In Teape v Godfrey ([1986] RTR 213) Mr Justice Forbes had said



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Treaty veto hurts **Swiss interests** says Efta chief

By Colin Narbrough, world trade correspondent

THE Swiss people's clear No on December 6 to European economic integration not only threatens to curb growth in Switzerland but casts doubt on the country's skill in identifying its economic best interests. according to Georg Reisch, secretary-general of the Euro-pean Free Trade Association

Although subsequent opinion polls suggest that many Swiss would now reverse their rejection of the implementation of the European Economic Areas (EEA) agreement — the single market of 380 million consumers encompassing the European Community and Efta - the fear remains that German-speaking Switzerland has effectively shot the financial gnomes of Zurich in the foot

While only a narrow majority of 50.3 per cent of voters were against the EEA. 16 of the 23 cantons delivered a No to the pact. The Germanspeaking regions were solidly against it while French speakers were three to one in favour.

In an interview with The Times. Dr Reisch, a veteran of international trade diplomacy, made no secret of his disap-pointment over the Swiss vote, which he fears could affect voting sentiment in his own country. Austria. The EEA was due to come into force this week, but the Swiss refusal has forced its Efta partners, Austria, Liechtenstein, Sweden, Finland, Norway and Iceland, to delay implementation.
The Nordic members, three

of which are about to open formal negotiations with Brussels on membership of the European Community, are meeting in Denmark today. Earlier this month Efta trade ministers agreed to draft an additional promool to the EEA treaty to allow it to go shead without Switzerland.

Dr Reisch, convinced that the Swiss will reverse their vote by mid-1994, puts his imme-diate priority as limiting the economic damage caused by the EEA delay. He stresses that the crucial difference between the EEA agreement and the Maastricht treaty is that Efta can press alread with implementation of the single market despite the Swiss optout. Creating a multi-tiered treaty, Dr Reisch says, would be "completely senseless". With Switzerland in mind.

he points out that the EEA will not only lower trade costs but

improve and guarantee market access for Efta's service industries, as well as improve the integration of Europe's capital markets. Services, stresses, account for about 60 per cent of the Swiss economy.

A study by Goldman Sachs, the American investment

bank, found the main cost to Switzerland of opting out would be lower economic growth in the medium term. Investment diversion away from Switzerland could cut non-mortgage lending by Swiss banks by 20 per cent.

Dr Reisch is not gloomy about the future, however. He sees a new lease of life for Efta. developing its role as a "kin-dergarten" for countries seeking EC membership. "It could be useful for those countries preparing for economic and political maturity," he says. Efta has already concluded free-trade accords with several eastern and central European

Dr Reisch believes Efta can also "pat itself on the back" for other important steps to foster open trade, including progress in the complicated area of national origin of components in increasingly cross-border industries such as car making.

Klöckner

strikes

a deal

with its

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KLÖCKNER-WERKE, the

troubled German steelmaker

forced to seek protection from its creditors, has, with the assistance from Deutsche

Bank its lead bank, reached an agreement with creditors.

The deal will allow the

company to operate without

ruary when a commercial

court will decide whether to accept Klöckner's petition for

Vergleich, the German form

of administration akin- to

Chapter II protection in America. The administration

request concerns DM2.7 bil-

lion owed by the Ruhr-based

· Hans Christoph von Rohr, the chairman of Klockner's

management board, told re-

Klöckner has made clear

of its two production sites. Industry analysis believe that this will mean a withdrawal

move could cost almost 8,000

its profitable non-steel opera-

The company produces

about 2.8 million tonnes of steel a year, less than a third of

the leading German producer.

tions unaffected.

time, he said.



Motoring ahead: Nick Lancaster, chief executive of the Malaya Group, who is currently looking for more potential acquisitions

Malaya moves up a gear with first buy

MALAYA Group, the motor trader, has made its first acquisition since a new management team took a controlling 54 per cent holding in August.

It is paying £1.4 million for Western Motor Works (Chis-lehurst), a profitable Vauxhall dealership based in Chislehurst, Kent, with a body repair business at nearby Belvedere. The deal is £1.1 million in cash and 1.5 milfion new shares.

Nick Lancaster, chief executive of Malaya, said: "This acquisition meets our criteria of compiling a broadly based retail motor group encom-passing volume and specialist franchises in London and the home counties." He added: "The group continues to pur-sue other potential acquisitions and anticipates further announcements in 1993." Malaya is based in Crawley, West Sussex, and has a Mercedes Benz franchise. Caverdale Group, a car dealer based in Luton, Bedfordshire, has exchanged con-tracts to buy Andre Baldet, a Norhampton Citroen motor

dealership, for up

£885,000. Caverdale, which recently acquired Dunham & Haines, said the step would further its strategy of building a sub-stantial motor dealers group.

Payment comprises £500.000 of non-interestbearing loan notes, £300,000 cash and 833,333 shares. A further £35,000 cash is payable when Baldet's assets

tion and is expected in the next

ten years to invest \$7-10

billion, the amount OTE is

believed to need to compete

with other telecommunica-

OTE's total value is estimat-

ed to be about \$4.5 billion,

with some analysts suggesting that the price for the 35 per cent stake could be between \$1.2 billion and \$1.5 billion.

although others think it may be below \$1 billion. OTE

made a \$250 million profit in

1991 and higher profits are

anticipated this year.

least another 20 years.

tions companies in Europe.

The sale will be the conservative government's biggest privatisation since taking power in 1990. OTE will continue to hold a monopoly in Greek telecommunications for at

Dow holds steady in slow trade

New York - Blue chips traded in a narrow range around Thursday's closing levels in slow late-morning activity. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 0.81 at 3,325.43. Losers led gainers four to three. Traders said weak bond prices and a self-off in Tokyo overnight combined

to discourage buyers.

Despite the generally soft tone, analysts said they expect the market to move higher as the week progresses, main-taining its historical trend of climbing during the last week of the year. Hugh Johnson at First Albany Corp said the market has risen the last week of the year in 16 of the past 22

years.

☐ Tokyo — Shares closed just off the day's lows in very thin off the day's lows in very thin trade. The Nikkei average was down 368.42 points, or 2.10 per cent, to 17,188.62, with about 100 million shares traded. The broader first section. Topix index was down 19.98 points, or 1.49 per cent, to 1.321.84. Selling by investment trusts and dealers squeezed prices, while most investors shunned the market. Hong Kong — Year-end window-dressing pushed shares higher, but trading was lackbustre. The Hang Seng index finished at 5.531.65, up 89.64 points, despite Taiwan's plunge of 3.7 per cent on fears of political instability after the opposition's strong gains in elections. "Prices rose across the board on institutional buying, with small investors taking profits," said Raphael Chan, a manager at Sun Hung Kai Securities.

I Frankfurt — Shares forged ahead in quiet trade, taking the Dax index to its highest close for four weeks. It finished at 1.544.61, 17.66 points above its pre-holiday close.

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Olivetti gives warning of large loss for year

OLIVETTI, the Italian computer maker, expects to make a 1992 operating loss of L300-350 billion (£141-164 million), Corado Passera, the managing director, said. "To that figure we will need to add the extraordinary costs of restructuring in addition to tax," he said in an interview in It Sole-24 Ore. In 1991, Olivetti made an operating loss of L28 billion. He did not say what the consolidated loss would be but said it would not be light.

Turnover for the year would be just under L8,000 billion, down L700 billion from a year earlier, he added Last year. Olivetti made a consolidated loss of L459.8 billion. Net debt in 1992 would touch L1,200 billion, up from L571.9 billion. The company was making a charge of L300 billion for the shedding of 5,000 employees.

Johnson quits Invesco

NICHOLAS Johnson, a former deputy chairman of Lityesco MIM, the UK fund management group, in which Li Kashing, the Hong Kong entrepreneur, has a 24 per cent stake, has resigned. Invesco MIM said Mr Johnson's leaving was amicable, and followed an earlier change in management structure that came when Lord Stevens of Ludgate, chairman, stepped down as the group's chief executive in August, Charles Brady, now chief executive, has assumed Mr Johnson's responsibilities, which cover the operations in

Haden subsidiary sold

HADEN MacLellan Holdings, the specialist engineer, has sold Spaldings Agricultural Holdings, a subsidiary, for a total of £8.5 million. Spaldings, which supplies replacement parts, tools and accessories in Britain, Ireland and France, has been acquired by a management team backed by Causeway Capital. The price includes £6 million in cash and the assumption by the buyout company of debts of £2.5 million. In 1991 Spaldings earned profits before tax of £88,000 after interest costs of £429,000 on aumover of £18 million.

Qualcast cuts loose

BLUE Circle Industries has sold Atco Qualcast, its loss-making garden-products company, to the management for £17 million. Atco Qualcast markets lawnmowers and Setpar spare parts. In 1991, the company recorded an operating loss of £1.7 million. The management buyout has been backed by Candover Investments. Charles Young, chief executive of Blue Circle's home products division, said £17 million was a

DAF reduces working

DAF, the loss-making truck builder, will put 2,800 of its 5,000 employees in The Netherlands on half-time for six weeks in January and February, a spokesman for the company said. The Dutch government will top up the salaties of employees affected by the move so they will not suffer any loss, he added. Production was halted at the company's main Eindhoven factory over the Christmas holiday and will only return to normal in the eighth week of 1993, he added.

C&W competes for Greek phone stake

By PHILIP PANGALOS

CABLE and Wireless is one of . The foreign buyer will man-13 international telecom- age the whole of OTE's operamunications operators pre-selected for participation in the privatisation of the Hellenic Telecommunications Organisation (OTE), Greece's stateowned telephone company.

porters that the company was still studying the merits of operating its steel activities alone, or in co-operation with Greece plans to sell a 49 per cent stake in OTE, with 35 per cent of its shares going to a another company.

Discussions with the Dutch foreign telephone company and another 14 per cent to steelmaker, Hoogovens, and OTE's employees and the public. other possible partners, con-

Expressions of interest were requested from experienced. telecoms operators for the that, if it continues to produce steel after reorganisation of its proposed sale of a 35 per cent debt, it would close down one stake in OTE. The pre-selection process is to identify experienced operators with the financial and other resources from the Ruhr, its traditional to lead a consortium able to home, and a refocusing on the North Sea coastal city of Bremen, where its most effcarry out significant modernisation of the group. Other organisations to have

been pre-selected include AT&T, France Telecom, Southwestern Bell, Telefonica icient plant is located. Such a steel jobs in the Duisburg and STET, the Italian state The Klöckner petition app-ited only to the group's loss-making steel activities, leaving phone company which in August won a \$160 million 20-year licence to develop a mobile phone system in

> The proposed privatisation of OTE is Greece's boldest move so far as the government attempts to follow Britain's "popular capitalism" path.

Full funding rule holds key to prospects

he key question for UK gilts in 1993 is whether the government will persevere with the "full funding rule". The Treasury apparently believes that the rule is central to efforts to underpin confidence in the anti-inflationary thrust of policy. Gilt investors, however, are beginning to see the rule as part of the problem, not of the solution, as they anticipate a public sector borrowing requirement souring towards

£50 billion in 1993-4. Full funding requires the government to ensure that the net impact of public sector financial transactions on the M4 measure of money supply should be neutral. The authorities sell gilts to investors other than banks and building societies, as necessary, to achieve this objective. It is strange that the government should set such great store by a rule that relates to the public sector's contribution to M4 when it long ago abandoned its broad money target. If M4 growth does not matter, it is hard to see why the market should care whether the public sector's transac-

tions add to it or not.

The Treasury, nevertheless, that the government's priority

pensante element in its eco-nomic strategy. If the rule were scrapped, ministers ar-gue, the market would no longer have confidence in the government's determination to hold down rubble bearen. to hold down public borrowing. It is a moot point whether the market really places such confidence in the rule, when its observance has failed to prevent the current blow-out in the PSBR. The Chancellor might claim that the surge in the PSBR is benign, being the result of the downswing in the economy. If so, his application of the funding rule threatens to cut out the automatic stabilising effect of the fiscal deficit by mullifying its monetary consequences. A deficiency in private credit demand, evident in the falls in M4 lending in two out of the past three months, could be offset by public sector demand for credit from the banking sys-tem. There is a respectable case, in terms of the Chancel-

lor's economic objectives, for abandoning the funding rule. It seems unlikely that gilts would collapse in horror if the rule were scrapped. Investors have already taken on board economic recovery seems un-likely when most of the broad money measures are limping along at a 5 per cent annual growth rate. This is barely enough to match the government's hoped-for expansion in nominal GDP. It leaves no allowance for a fall in the velocity of money. Since the Chancellor is rightly cautious about cutting short-term rates to boost private loan demand, the only way to raise the ex-pansion rate in broad money is to start selling public sector debt to the banks.

areane matters so much as the prospect of having to absorb indefinitely £5 billion per month of gilts that is most worrying the market. The Chancellor maintains that, without the funding rule, long yields would be higher, but he also argues that, without the ERM, short rates would have to go up. The lesson of the post-ERM experience, with its three point cut in interest rates, is clear. Confidence factors are a much weaker influence on interest have supposed them to be. While confidence could well professes to believe that the is to reflate the economy. An he more important for long

full funding would bring would likely push yields lower. The Chancellor's decision on funding policy will proba-bly determine whether gilt yields rise or fall in 1993. At some stage during the year, the Bundesbank is likely to substantially ease short-term rates. The US Federal Reserve will not push its rates higher until the US recovery is firmly based, which may not be before 1994. Against this. capital demands in global bond markets will exert some upward pressure on yields. insulated from this.

market's relief at not having to digest the huge stock that

Inflation will be low next year, probably around 3 per cent, but nobody is likely to take for granted continuing progress in curbing price rises. The market's fear will be that economic upturn will eventually encourage firms to raise prices to repair profit margins. Gilts' fortunes, depend on whether Mr Lamont affords some relief on the funding front

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COMMENT A mountain of

work in store n innocent-looking pamphlet from Price Waterhouse, the accountants, asks: 1993 — Are You Ready? Its scope is confined to coping with the effects of changes in the VAT regulations for any business buying, selling or transferring goods to or from another EC country from January 1. The abolition of mainstream customs formalities effectively shifts the VAT obligations from shippers and forwarders to the company's own accounting system. Collection of intra-EC trade statistics will also fall on importers and exporters. The result - extra work.

Paid work for accountancy consultants but not for harassed traders. As Price Waterhouse notes: "The proposals will undoubtedly mean changes to accounting systems and possibly to whole computerised information systems".

Some traders will have to cope with even more complexity. For instance, mail order houses selling more than 100,000 ecu's worth of goods to consumers in any other EC country will have to register and account for VAT there as well, though registration thresholds vary and will be much lower in some member states. Triangular trade, involving a sale to a company in one country for delivery in another "is possibly the most difficult area of the 1993 changes and each situation will need to be considered individually to ensure the correct treat-

ment". A different set of rules covers services. So much for the dawn of an exciting new era of opportunity in the opening of the single European market. Could anything be better guaranteed to wake managers more rudely from the afterglow of Christmas? Such realities weigh more heavily than a dozen speeches from Neil Hamilton, the trade minister, heralding vigorous government campaigns to cut red tape. To the government, after all, the abolition of intra-EC customs is a breakthrough in deregulation. Once business has made the change, there should indeed be a net benefit. The headache

Sadly. EC single market regulations provide only one of many instances where managers will need to ask themselves whether they are ready for 1993, before they get down to staying in business, selling goods and even making progress. Domestic regulation will cause mountains of work, much of it in good causes. Public companies will need to draw up their accounts in different ways to meet new accounting standards. Most boardrooms will need to be reorganised to comply with the Cadbury code. Scouts will be out looking for undiscovered hordes of bright but safe non-executive directors - don't call us we'll call you. Even companies launched on the stock markets in recent years with what were then model practices will need to make some changes.

pare a thought for British Gas, which must spend much of its management effort in 1993 justifying its very existence to the monopolies commission. Privatised utilities, which account for a good slice of Britain's wealth creation, routinely appear to spend about a third of their top management time dealing with regulatory matters. In too many instances, times are far from normal. To help the government dig itself out of its own political pit, the coal and electricity industries will be particularly pre-occupied, long before they can focus their efforts on such mundane matters as raising enerating and delivering pow more efficiently. Pension managers, likewise, will have far more than investment returns on their minds as they prepare for legislative reform. The securities industry may finally have to make the change to paperless share trading, before worrying about the daily demands of clients.

As if all this were not enough, business will need to change its mentality from coping with recession to planning for recovery, preferably somewhere near the top of the priorities for 1993. Get to it chaps.

In 1992, even the things that went right did so for the wrong reasons

LAST JANUARY'S PREDICTIONS

HOW THEY WORKED OUT

Anatole Kaletsky looks back over his forecasts

for a year in which limited economic

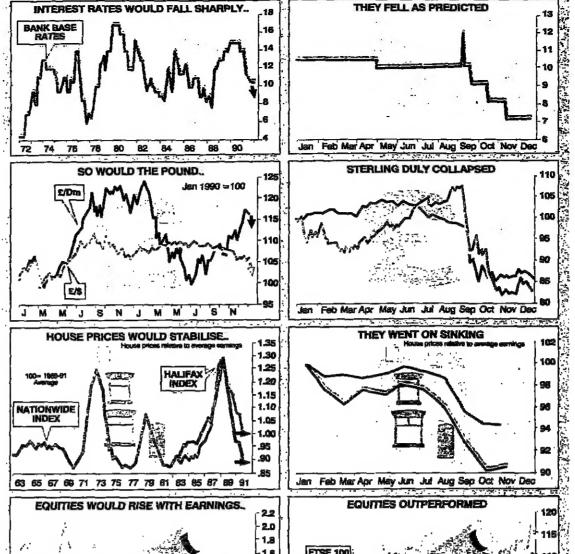
successes were shrouded in political failure

n the past two years, I have tried to lighten the seasonal gloom that now seems to settle on the world at Christmas by some unconventionally cheerful predictions for the coming 12 months. My hunches about 1993 will appear next Monday but, first, a review of 1992, built round an audit of how my forecasts have worked out.

Last January, I made four hopeful predictions. First, I said that interest rates (which were then 10.5 per cent) would fall to 7 or 8 per cent by the end of the year, regardless of who won the election, what happened to the ERM, or any other political and economic conditions. Second, I said the pound (which was then at \$1.90 and DM2.85) would fall unconditionally against the dollar (which, at the end of last year appeared to be in free-fall). Against the mark, I felt the pound had more of a chance, since Germany was clearly on the brink of an economic and political mess that the Bundesbank and the market might just wake up to in the first few months of the year. If, however, German interest rates were not cut sharply in the first few months of 1992, the pound would certainly be devalued in the second half of the year, regardless of unflinching commitments to the ERM.

My third hunch was less numerically precise. The Bundesbank would increasingly be blamed for all economic problems in Britain and Europe and would lose much of its respect. Inside Germany, it would be discredited by creating an economic slump and ruining the hopes of reunification, yet still failing to stop inflation. Externally, the German central bank would be accused of trying to sabotage or delay monetary union, yet it would still find itself submerged in some kind of pan-European institution well before the Maastricht deadline of 1999.

Finally, I rashly made some financial predictions. Britain's housing market would begin to recover and prices would start to rise at about the same rate as workers' average earnings. The stock market, which had fallen so steeply at the end of November 1991 that some City analysts were predicting a replay of Black Monday, also seemed likely to rise by the end of 1992, but only by about as much as average earnings. In the meantime, however, there would be some "huge gyrations, perhaps echoing a run-up in Wall Street as recovery in America gets under way, followed by a 1987-style crash in the summer, after investors have thrown caution to the winds". How, then, did I do? At first sight,



the record of two clear hits out of four would seem little better than that of the proverbial monkey with a typewriter. The truth is both better and worse (remember economists are always ambidextrous). The forecast of 7 per cent interest rates (which was the one readers found least plausible a year ago) may have been a bull's eye, and the assertion that sterling was bound to be devalued in the second half of the year was also spot on. Unfortunately, however, both were right for the wrong reasons.

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I thought that interest rates would be slashed because John Major would be moved by the prospect of losing the election. And if Mr Major did not understand that interest rates would have to fall below 8 per cent to start a recovery, the electorate would finally have the chance to replace him with someone who had a better grasp

of economics. If he failed to cut interest rates, Neil Kinnock would soon be prime minister and desperate to consolidate his minority government. He would not waste time worrying about commitments to the ERM. This mistaken political analysis led me to the correct conclusions not only on interest rates, but also on sterling's devaluation against the

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n the event, of course, it was not the electorate but the foreign exchange markets that rumbled Mr Major. The speculators reasoned exactly as I had suggested: an economic recovery would be impossible as long as Britain's monetary policy remained tied to the Bundesbank's; ergo, Britain would have to leave the ERM. Unfortunately for the prime

minister, the investors who saw so clearly through the contradictions of British economic policy were not yet ready to apply the same critical faculties to Germany. Only in the last few weeks have the markets begun to rumble the German "economic miracle*. Few investors are yet prepared to acknowledge that the Bundesbank could vie with the British Treasury in ST TOF ECOING Last January, I felt certain that sterling would fall against the dollar, but thought the mark might do so as well, as the Bundesbank's reputation suffered. In the event the mark weakened only slightly, by less than 5 per cent, while sterling plunged by 18 per cent. But this story is not over, of which more next week.

Returning to Britain and the ERM: the way that the Gordian knot was cut by speculators, instead of

Women's network

THE lobby to get more wo-

men on company boards has been unimpressed, so far, by

Pro Ned, the agency that specialises in finding independent

non-executive directors. Now,

however, Margaret Brewster,

Pro Ned's research head, is helping the City Women's

Network produce a register of

high-flying City women bank-

ers and lawyers of non-execu-

tive calibre. Eve Newbold, company secretary of Hanson.

and former CWN member,

believes it is a good idea. "So far, Pro Ned has not done

much for women," she says.

"I'm frequently asked if I can

nominate women as non-exec-

utives in various fields. Chair-

men simply don't know where to find them." Newbold says the membership list for Fo-

rum, another business wom-

en's network, but for more

senior females, is always in de-mand and sees a similar role

for the younger-profile CWN

Hot shot

voters or politicians, has had far-reaching consequences. These are still only direly understood. These consequences go some way to explain the failure of my housing and stock market predictions and, more importantly, to offer some clues about how the economy and the financial markets might perform in the coming

I thought that house prices would start rising, because the economy would start to recover in response to sharply lower interest rates. The same logic suggested a roller-coaster ride in equity prices, ending up a little above where they started. (Because the stock market overreacts to events it foresees of to 12 months ahead, it usually rises-and then falls sharply at the start of an economic recovery before settling into a steadier upward trend.)

In the event, however, the sharp fall in interest rates has not led to improving expectations, still less the reality of an economic recovery. In a series of own goals that has been spectacular even by the shambolic standards of this government. Norman Lamont has managed to present the interest rate reductions that should have revived consumer and business confidence as the latest stigmata of economic failure.

s a result, Britain's withdrawal from the ERM. which should have been recognised by every hardpressed consumer, businessman and homeowner as a deliverance - the economic equivalent of the US cavalry's bugle-call wafting over the candiminished economic confidence.

It is this unexpected and totally irrational collapse of confidence in the wake of White Wednesday that in my view accounts for the weakness of the economy in the last three months of 1992. A month ago, the dismal psychological effects were compounded by an Autumn Statement that lived up fully to the Treasury's reputation for doing too little too late. In the months ahead, just as retailers begin recovering their confidence after a disappointing Christmas, the government will doubtless do its best to depress spirits further by floating stories about the need for higher taxes in the Budget and by keeping back the further cuts in interest rates, now desperately needed, as a sweetener for Budget time.

The upshot is that the recovery is taking much longer to come through than I had expected. And the economy is far weaker than it might have been by now if interest rates had been cut to 7 or even 8 per cent as a either economic sanity or political

In the end, however, the economics of low interest rates will prevail over the psychology of recession. The recovery will surely now take place. Thus, the predictions on house prices and stock market movements should still be realised, but, along with the loss of faith in the Bundesbank, they will have to be deferred into next year. More about that next week.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Anti-European undertones in Russian 'gradualism'

From Mr Andrei Ostalsky Sir, I was quite surprised by Wolfgang Münchau's commentary in the edition of December 22, or, rather, not by the article itself (it can be argued that different perceptions must be reported), but by the way you chose to present it as a "European View".

It is true, that similar notions are now shared by many in Russia itself. In fact, there is a well-orchestrated campaign going on to advocate the so called "gradual" approach to reforms. But hardly anyone in the former USSR fails to feel its anti-European, anti-Westem undertone. So that a

Westerner should give it his full support, seems to me somewhat bizarre.

Doesn't an alarm bell ring when the same so called "gradualists" in parliament, who toppled Yegor Gaidar, vote to support the Serb govemment in its confrontation with the West? The market reform, if successful, will dismantle the military industry and, by doing so, cause enormous - though, hopefully, temporary - hardships for many. And it will also erode the power-base of the neocommunist and nationalist opposition. It's understandable, that they are not going to

Self-sufficiency seems a dying art

From Ms Mary Patten

paper deliveries. was five and living on a farm in Sussex. I clearly remember the postman delivering not only the post, but also The Times and other 'illicit' goods to us and people likewise stranded. Aged ten, i was

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Sir. I support Mr Chris Philip (December 16) re PO news-

At the outbreak of WWII I 'ordered' by my father, a senior Home Guard officer, to cycle three miles to the nearest garage, to have the wireless

batteries re-charged. Self-sufficiency, although much talked about, seems to be a dying art. Now living in suburbia, I am bombarded by my postman and others with junk leaflets. Why? With the cooperation of the PO. people in rural areas could have the pleasure of reading the news as opposed to just viewing it, which is quite a different matter. Yours faithfully.

M. A. PATTEN. Kew, Richmond, Surrey.

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From Mr Peter Spring

Hence, all this talk of "gradualism". How, I wonder, do you "slow down" something which is hardly moving at all? The Russian economy re-mains 99 per cent socialist and is still militarised to an extent of war-time proportion. It can be argued that contrary to what the "gradualists" preach - it was this lack of momentum, this hesitation to apply the "shock therapy" (which never happened in Russia, of course) that put the country into the current political, economic and psychologi-

Mr Munchau accuses the IMF of bringing stagflation to the opposite, the IMF recommendations were never implemented. The most important prices are still artificially frozen (so real incentives for development can't be introduced), the perverted system of modern serfdom is intact and the new prime minister is suggesting he will give away new billions of state credits to

bankrupt heavy industry.

In fact, it was this policy of

crediting those who produce something which is not saleable (because nobody needs it), that has hurt the economy more than anything else. causing the crazy rates of inflation. And it was brought about not by the International Monetary Fund but the "gradualists" who control the parliament and the Central Bank. At the end of the year they achieved many new victories: not only did they get rid of Mr Gaidar. they also adopted a new budget, in which openly and with some venom - they snubbed the IMF by approving a deficit far exceeding the 5 per cent ceiling.

Yours faithfully

ANDREI OSTALSKY.

Foreign Editor of Izvestia.

Short memory

Sir, Your front page article (December 16) titled Break up of British Gas demanded by watchdog' says: "Ofgas, the regulatory body, rejects sug-gestions its proposals would amount to a breach of faith with shareholders. 'We believe that the terms of the offer for sale ceased to have any legal or moral standing several years ago, Ofgas said."

How can this be reconciled with the following comment in The Economist? "He (the regulator) discounts speculation that British Gas should be broken up like the electricity industry, with the national pipeline vested in an independendy-run company. In his view, the legal and political complications of reneging on the 1986 sale prospectus effectively rule that out." This dates to December 15, 1990 - perhaps somewhat less than several years ago.

Should all government privatisation documents now carry a health warning stating clearly that nothing contained within should be construed as having any legal or moral Yours faithfully PETER SPRING. 55 Elms Crescent,

Access's excess zeal

From Mr Peter J. R. Bradley Sir, Dr Coatsworth should worry about Barclaycard interest (Business letters, December 17).

est on £120 and paid early.

Only when I challenged Mid-land Bank's chief executive Yours faithfully PETER BRADLEY. 14 Well Street, Buckingham.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

THE Stock Exchange Ski Club -- host to the international inter-bourse championship

in St Anton, Austria, early next year - which complained that its request for sponsorship from the stock exchange had fallen on deaf ears, has found an alternative. The ski club was miffed that when the eyes of rival financial centres would be trained upon it, the exchange had spurned both it and a useful marketing opportunity by refusing to foot the £600 bill for lapel badges. After learning of its plight in the City Diary, two other City organisations have sprung to the rescue, volunteering the funds. The club's salvation is not without irony however. The two bodies that have put their hands in their pockets are The Securities Institute, the new organisation for individual members of the stock exchange, and Trade Point, the UK offshoot of a Canadian company, which is developing an order-matching electronic dealing system, a potential alternative to the market operated by the stock exchange. Adding to the irony, the chairman of Trade Point turns

Ski sponsors

to the rescue

mittees, until they were dis-banded by Peter Rawlins, chief executive of exchange.

A betting man NOT all is depressed in the Square Mile. Gilts guru Ste-

phen Lewis, once a partner at

out to be none other than

Stephen Raven, a long-time member of the stock exchange

council and its various com-



"Yoo hoo — I'm home." Phillips & Drew and these days part owner (25 per cent) of the London Bond Broking Company, a joint venture with Albert E. Sharp, is decidedly cheery at the moment. For a man who once declared - in a banner headline in the Evening Standard - that 50,000 City jobs would be lost as a consequence of the 1987 crash, and who had a reputation for being eternally bear-ish, his change of mood is all the more significant. "We are actually very busy, things are going extremely well. In fact, we are exceeding our targets by a comfortable margin." says Lewis, whose official title is head of research. Lewis, even then in frivolous mood, mailed out dice with his Christmas cards, printed with six different instructions: "Buy", "Hold", "Sell", "Pan-ic", "Go to Lunch", "Call LBB". "I play chess myself, but no games of chance," Lewis admits. "I'm very averse to

RIVALRY between Touche Ross and fellow accountancy firms is not confined to work, it seems. This summer, Pannell Kerr Forster produced an Olympic gold medailist - Sal-ly Gunnell, the hurdler. Now Touche is boasting Michael Walton, 29, who has been selected for the Great Britain target rifle shooting team. Walton will represent his country next spring during a gambling, but very much in support of betting — because betting involves some input. five-week tour of South Africa and Zimbabwe, the first such tour for 30 years. Well known

There is a difference, you at Bisley, the national shooting centre, Walton previously represented the County of London. He is also the proud winner of this year's Estates Gazette championship for best shot surveyor. His entry in that contest is not as odd as it sounds - he was a surveyor at Richard Ellis before being poached for Touche Ross, by lan McIsaac, a Touche partner and former managing di-rector of Richard Ellis, for its

Scotched rumours

property reconstruction team.

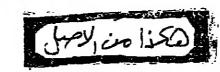
SPECULATION in Edinburgh watering holes about threatened mass walkouts at Bell Lawrie White, the broker. first reported here last week. refuses to die down. Frank Malcolm, a director known affectionately as Frankenstein, is reportedly offering large pay increases to persuade key analysts to remain, much to the anger of commission-earning salesmen. Bill Blair, the firm's star pharmaceuticals analyst, a recent entrant in the top ten in Extel's league table, is said to have been offered a 100 per cent pay rise to ensure his loyalty, but he has denied that any such offer has been made. That would have been nice but the answer is emphatically no," he says. Meanwhile, amid intense interest, the firm continues to insist that Gilmour Thom, also a director and one of the firm's most popular members of staff, is not suspended but on holiday until January 4. The financial community in the Scottish capital is waiting with based

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CAROL LEONARD



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BBC1

7.00 News, regional news and weather (5834900)
7.10 Children's BBC begins with Hatto Spencer. Pupper settes (r)
(2819875) 7.35 Baber. Adventures of a regal young elephant (r) (9113707)

8.00 News, regional news and weather (7841558) 8.10 Cuckgoland 8.00 News, regional news and weather (7641650) 8.10 Curanovamo Comedy series from New Zealand (f) (2810639) 8.35 Swamp Thing. Adventures of a part-man, part-plant creature (f) (1623639) 9.00 News, regional news and weather (5862320) 9.05 Come Midnight Monday. Episode five (f) (4195726) 9.25 Why Don't You.

Monday. Episode five (f) (4195726) 9.25 Why Don't You..? Entertaining ideas for young people at a loose end (s) (2336320) 10.05 Playdays (s) (9786417)

10.30 Film: Ferry To Hong Kong (1961) starring Curt Jurgens, Orson Welles and Sylvia Syms. Ponderous infernational drama about a terry captain who is lumbered with a drunken layabout. Their antipatry disappears when they have to rely on each other for survival during a violent storm. Directed by Lewis Gilbert, now better the curt for Shirley Valentine (57226417).

known for Shirley Valentine (57225417) 12.20 Certoon. Pipe Dream (1595962) 12.25 Animal Sanchuary. A portrait of Burstow Wildlife Sanchuary, near Gatwick, founded in 1989 by Penny Boyd. (Ceefax) (a) (5127455) 12.55 Regional News and weather (65188894)

1.00 News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (40718320) 1.10 Neighbours: (Ceefax) (s) (49273897)
1.30 Film: That's Entertainment (1976). Gene Kelly and Fred Astaire

present clips from films made during the golden days of MGM musicals. (Ceelau) (11525185)
3.35 Cartoon Double Bill (5637455) 3.50 Pingu. Animated adventures of a clurisy penguin (f) (7712423) 3.55 Noddy (s) (6319320) 4.05 The Chronicles Of Namia. The first of a two-part drama based on the novels of C.S. Lewis (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8440184)
5.00 The Best of Blue Peter. Highlights of the reports from Spain, Brazil, Hungary and the Falklands. (Ceefax) (s) (8316252) present clips from films made during the golden days of MGM

5:35 Neighbours (r]. (Ceefax) (s) (724271)
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6.00 News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (580542)
6.15 Regional News Magazines (585097)
6.30 The World's Strongest Man. Tan mighty men in tests of strength and endurance against the backdrop of Iceland's dramatic scenery.

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(Ceetax) (s) (72146)

7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (368)

8.00 Citizen Smith. The 1980 Christmas edition of John Sulliven's comedy starning Robert Lindsay as Wolfie, the leader of the Tooling Popular Front. As Wolfie's girltriend is in Italy for Christmas he decides to go and pay her a visit. (Ceefax) (6271)

8.30 A Question of Sport presented by David Coleman. Tonight Bill Regument and Ian Bothern are leithed by Ceefan Release. William

Beaumont and Ian Bothern are joined by Carlton Palmer, Willia Carson, Jane Stismith and Milke Atherton. (Ceefee) (2078) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefex) Regional news



Aping gorillas: Sigourney Weaver as Dian Fossey (9.30pm)

9.30 Film: Gorillas in the Mist (1988).

CHOICE: Sigourney Weaver, who after a grueiling stint with the Alien cycle is no stranger to playing tough and resourceful women, sters as the anthropologist Dian Fossey in a sturdy biopic from the British director Michael Apted. It is a film of two parts. In the ligst we follow Fossey's mission to save the threatened mountain gorillas in the African Congo, falling foul of the local military and having abrief affair with a photographer (Bryan Brown). We then skip five years, by which time Fossey has become a belligerent ioner and is plagued by ill-health. More thanks to Weaver's dedicated performance than a script which stays mainly on the surface, this becomes a strong and involving film and ultimately a heroic one. But the heroine, who comes to put animals before humans, is easier to admire than to like. (Csefex) (s) (72933454)
11.35 Curtis Stigers Live in Concert. The soul singer recorded at the

Com Exchange, Cambridge (a) (202829) 12.25am Weather (5294837)

RADIO 3

BBC2

6.55 Film: Sameon and Delitah (1949) starring Victor Meture and Hedy Lamarr. Cecil B. DeMille's crude and geneh epic about the strongmen who loses his heart and his locks to a Philistine beauty. (27266726)

9.00 Film: The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle (1939, b/w). The Fred Astaire/Ginger Rogers season continues with this pleasing musical biopic of the popular dancing couple whose success was custailed by the first world war. Directed by H.C. Potter (96504) 10.30 Chartle Challs. Animation (r) (8277261) 10.45 Stephen Sondhelm's Into the Woods starring Bernadette Peters

and Chip Zien. An adult musical fairy tale (r). (Ceefax) (s) 1.20 Nikolaeva Plays Shostakovich. Tatiana Nikolaeva plays prejudes

and fugues 18 to 21 (s) (31178423) 1.45 Adam (f) (s) (21984981)
1.50 Geraint Evans Masterclass. A study of Benjamin Britten's Peter Grimes (r) (1969368) 2.50 The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures. Professor Charles Stirting discusses left- and right-handedness in the natural world (5015146) 3.50 The Works: The Fix. A look at the world of fastenings (r). (Ceefax) (5344788)

4.10 Film: Suspicion (1941, b/w) starring Cary Grant and, in an Oscar-winning performance, Joan Fontaine. The Alfred Hitchcock season concludes with this thriller about an heiress who marries a charming

fortune hunter and suspects he may be trying to murder her 5.50 Life With Eliza. Edwardian comedy drama. (Ceefec) (831788)
6.00 Film: Christmas Comes To Willow Creek (1987) starring John-Schneider and Tom Wopat. The former Dukes of Hazzard boys play feuding trucker brothers who have to a get a seasonal cargo of goodles from California to Alaska in time for Christmas. With Hoyt

Axton. Directled by Richard Leng (85813)
7.30 Talking Magritte. Personal Interpretations of the work of surreal Dutch painter René Magritte. (Ceefax) (610)
8.00 Winter Dreums. The late Sir Kenneth McMillan's ballet, inspired by Chekhov's Three Sisters, with music by Tchaikovsky and denoed by Nicola Transh, Dercey Bussell and Viviana Durante (s) (6981)



Fengs for the memory: Omer Ebrahlm opens wide (9.00pm)

9.00 The Vaimpyr — a Scap Opera.
● CHOICE: An obscure work by the 19th-century composer Heinrich Marshner is relocated to contemporary London, given new tyrics by Charles Hart of Phantom of the Opera and presented in five consecutive nightly chunks. The brainchild of Jenet Street-Porter, the head of BBC youth programmes, the project seems simed at tolks who normally give opera a miss. The melodramatic story line requires the Vampyr (Omar Eorahim), alias a property tycon, to kill three women in an energy days to wis enother user or earth. It is told. hree women in as many days to win another year on earth. It is told in a restless pop video style and features much naked romping. The production is not so much modern dress as modern undress. The production is not so much modern dress as modern undre music is agreeable, the words (as far as one can decipher them) are on the colloquial side and the attractive young singers shed their ciothes with dignity (s):(730726)

9.25 The Bogie Man.

© CHOICE: A seasonal offering from Scotland stars Robbie Coltrane as a schizophrenic who escapes from a mental hospital dressed as Santa Claus, thinks he is Humphrey Bogart and walks the mean streets of Glasgow in a plot vaguely borrowed from The Mattese Falcon. Paul Pender's script is full of in-jokes for movie buffs, includes a character called Lauren MacCall and offers a fall pastiche of laconic Hammett-Chandler dialogue. The visual style, too, evokes the spirit of the private eye movie with its studied shots of dark city streets and seedy bars. A bonus, apparently not borrowed from forties Hollywood, is an elderly landlady-cumtaxidermist played with reliah by Jean Anderson. (Caelax) (a)

10.25 Film: Earth Girls Are Easy (1989) staming Geena Davis and Jeff Goldbium. Musical satire directed by Julien Temple. (Ceefad)

12.00 Film: Invaders From Mars (1953) starring Helens Carter and Leif Erickson. Stylish sci-fi drama directed by William Cameron Menzies (2482627) 1,20am Weather(3073214)

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6.00 TV-am (5020271) 9.25 The New Adventures of He-Nian. Animated adventures (6222726) 9.50 Thames News (9796894) 9.55 Disney Cartoon.

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Donald Duck in No Hunting (r) (8795165)

10.00 Film: Pollyanna (1960) starting Hayley Mills. A Disney adaptation of Eleanor H. Porter's children's story about how the arrival of a young orphan girl at her sunt's house in a small American town raises the spirits of the depressed community. Directed by David

Swift (420417)
Lanchtime News. (Oracle) Weather (1277145) 12,50 Thames News (11983146) 1.00 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial (Cracle) (99808) 1,30 Film: The Miracle of the White Stallions (1962) starring Robert

Taylor and Lift Palmer. Stodgy second world war drama about the director of the Spanish Riding School in Nazi-occupied Vietna who plans the daring evacuation of his valuable Lippizanar horses. Directed by Arthur Hiller (81496813)

3.15 ITN News headlines (7175455) 3.20 Thames News headlines

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3.25 Victor and Hugo. Animated adventures of a pair of incompetent crooks (s) (3001707) 3.50 Bugs Bunny. Carloon (9417851) 3.55 Film: It Shouldn't Happen To A Vet (1978) starring John Alderton and Colin Blakely. Entertaining sequel to Ali Creatures Great and Small following the fortunes of vet working in the Yorkshire Dales before the second world war. Written by Alan Plater, based on the novel by James Herriot and directed by Eric Till. (Oracle) (508271) 5.40 Early Evening News. (Oracle) Weather (130720) 5.55 Thames News (638233)

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6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (900)
6.30 Just for Laughs. Clips from classic British comedy films (252)
7.00 Emmercials. Yorkshire Dales drama serial. (Oracle) (2691)
7.30 Jimmy's. A festive visit to St James's University Hospital, Leeds (s)

8.00 The Bill: High Places. Di Burnside has to find a link between a series of robberies and the body of a former circus entertainer who drifted into crime, found under a railway bridge. Starring Christopher Ellison, (Oracle) (8639)



Silent delight: Rowan Atkinson in festive mayhem (8.30pm)

8.30 Merry Christmas Mr Bean, Rowan Atkinson stars as the accident 9.30 Merry Christmes air Bear. Howen Andrison stars as the accident prone Mir Bean in another series of comic catestrophes (s) (7146) 9.00 Films Frankensstein — The Reef Story (1992) starring Patrick Bergin, Randy Qualid and John Mills. A handsome and faithful adaptation of Mary Shelley's horror classic by writer/director Devol Wickes, who made the recent talevision versions of Jelyll and Hyde and Jack the Ripper. Filmed in Poland and Pinewood studies, it is the story of a scientist wine discovers the miracufous power to give life to inenimate objects. His initial euphoria disappears when he realises he has created a monster he cannot control. Continues elter the news (1515243)

10.15 News. (Oracle) Weather (B13417) 10.30 Thamse News (724786) 10.35 Pilm: Frankenstein — The Real Story continued (5691271) 11.40 Film: The Godfather II (1974) steming Al Pacino, Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton and Robert De Niro. Outstanding sequel to the Oscar-winning Matia drama shown on Boxing day and Sunday. Michael Corleone is head of the "tamily" and wants to modernise its business by going more legitimate. The performances are outstanding and a long, complex narrative is bnillantly handled by the director Francis Ford Coppola (concludes tomorrow at

11.30pm) (268233) 1.40am Film: Blueberry Hill (1988) starring Carrie Snodgress. A drama, set in 1950s California, about a young woman who finds release from her repressive relationship with her mother in music. With Jennifer Rubin. Directed by Strathford Hamilton (a) (637547)

3.25 Film: Renegade (1997) starring Terance Hill and Robert Vaughn.

Spaghetti western about a drifter and a gunman who join forces to help an Amish community guard their property from a greedy lycoon. Directed by E.B. Clucher (s) (288276)
5.05 Happy Birthday Bugs. A tribute to Bugs Bunny (1181837)
5.55 (TN Morning News (5353721). Ends at 6.00

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starring Christopher Lambert (20040634) 5.00 Rich and Strunge (1932, b/w). Alked Hitchcook drama in which a couple embarks

6.30mm Sestch (67894) 7.90 FA Premer League Football* Asian Ville v Ansensi (93707) 9.00 Swetch (88392) 9.30 Boots and All (6455) 19.30 AMA Supercross (68358) 11.00 Car Racing Hayot (53542) 11.30 Swetch (54271) 12.00 World Team Pool (20146) 1.00pm FA Premier League Football its 7em) (79539) 3.00 Supermiers (69497)

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SKY SPORTS

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Cartoons (40252) 7.00 The Big Breekfast (22271)
 9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (6201233)
 9.25 Lauret and Hardy (5874165) 9.30 Sesame Street (80829)
 10.30 Pro-Celebrity Golf. Joining Hale Irwin and Sam Torrance are Tim Brooke-Taylor and Gavin Hastings. Introduced by Tony Jacklin (80072)

(65078)11.30 Kete and Alile. Comedy series about two divorcées shanng single

parenthood in a Greenwich Village home (6875)

12.00 Ghazals. The first of four daily programmes teaturing the semi-finals end final of a national ghazal competition for poets and performers from Britain's Asian communities (20252)

12.30 Ramous People, Famous Places. Quiz show presented by William G. Stewart (49875) William G. Stewart (49875)

1.00 Film: National Vetvet (1944) starring Mickey Reoney and Elizabeth Taylor. Children's tayounts about a young girl who wins a racehorse and asks a former jockey to train it for the Grand National, Directed

by Ctarence Brown (53963928)
3.15 Story of the Dancing Frog. Animation (r). Followed by Doctor Da Soto. Cartoon (r) (9539813)

4.00 One Family. The first of four documentaries about families in the developing world, beginning with the 160-strong Narsingappa family from the southern Indian village of Lukor (9725) 5.00 The Dally Telegraph Junior Golfer of the Year. Fifteen boys and six girls compete in San Lorenzo, Portugal, presented by David Bobin with Tony Jacklin (9504)

7.00 Channel 4 Naves. (Teleted) Weather (995436)
7.50 Comment. David Moreau on why Britons' reluctance to speak foreign languages is bad for business (104726)



Sribes across Europe: lony driver Howard Law (8.00pm)

8.00 Truckers

 CHOICE: A lively documentary on the culture of the international lony driver follows Howard Law, a burly and cheerfully xenophobic Bristolian, on a trip to Turkey with a cargo of razors. A former manne who has seen service in Ulster and the Falklands, Law is no romantic knight of the road. He does a job of work and has no flusions about it. Travelling through Europe means negotiating a bureaucratic obstacle course and Law knows when to slip the right sweetener, Istanbut is known to truckers as Marlooro country because of the cigarettes they have to give out as bribes. No respecter of settled relationships, trucking has cost Howard two manages and he says his only trends are the people he meets on the says has the travel of the house of settled relationships.

mamages and he says his only mends are the people he meets on the road. He still likes the sense of adventure David Bean's amusing commentary adds gamish to a tasty meal (8349) 9.00 An Angel at my Table. The second of Jane Campion's three-part biography of the New Zealand writer Janet Frame. (Telefext) (4240731)

10.05 Film on Four: God on the Rocks (1982) starring Sinead Cusack and Bill Paterson. Sensitive adaptation of Jane Gardam's Bookerand bill releason. Sensitive adaptation of dark Carden's booker normaled novel about a nine-year-old girl (Rebecca Edwards) trying to understand the emotions and deceils of her family in 1930s Yorkshire. Directed by Ross Cramer. (Teletext) (s) (480233) 11.45 Roger Mellie. The first of four nightly programmes leaturing the Viz.

comic strip character. With the voices of Peter Cook and Harry field (8) (565981)

11.50 Tall, Dark and Handsome Cornedy from Jamaican comedians Blacka and Bello. With guest singer Janei Kay (s) (857813) 12.50am The Twilight Zone: The Masks (b/w). Another tals of the supernatural (5291740). Ends at 1.20

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As London except: 6.00 TSW Today (900) 6.30-7.00 Home and Away (252) 3.20mm-5.00 Film: Crashi (269905)

2.40 James Bowssen: A Twentieth-Century Voice. The counter-tenor talks to Brian Kay about his days with the Early Music Consort, the Academy of Ancient Music and in early opera at Glynolebourne. With music by Vivaldi, Dowland, Johnson and Cavall (1)
3.40 Britten Quartet performs Schubert (String Quartet in E fast, D87): Dvol8k (String Quintet in G, Op 77: Duncan McTier, double bass) (r)
4.30 Bunik and Bill: The third of four programmes in which

four programmes in which Michael Pointon, in conversation with Bill Russell, tells the story of the New Orleans trumpeter Bunk

5.00 Solti's "Italian": Mendelssolt

10.45 Book, Music and Lyrics: Love and Marriage, Robert Cushman with a personal view

of musicals (r)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 9.25-8.50 Chitchen's
Island (522726) 3.25-3.55 Wish You Ware
Hore..?(10621225) 6.00 HTV News (500)
8.30-7.00 Home and Away (252) ULSTER

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SRT ONE

8.00mm The OJ Kat Show (82444813) 8.40
Captain Caverman (3877725) 8.55 Playsboul
(4863365) 9.10 Cartoure (7624146) 9.30
The Pyramid Game (82981) 18.00 Strike in
Pich (87252) 10.30 The Bold and the
Beauthal (80694) 11.00 The Young and the
Resiliess (45146) 12.00 Falton Crest (82504)
1.00pm E Street (48692) 1.30 Another World
(3054510) 2.20 Sarria Barbers (12819675)
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To Beaver (125525) 2.45 The OJ Kat Show
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9.00 Composer of the Week: Offenbach, Les Brigands, Overture and Act 1 — excerpt (Lyon Opera Chorus and Corchestra under John Eliot Cardiner, with Tibere Pattalii sa Falsecappa), M Choufleuri restera chez lui (Monte Carlo Philharmonic Orchestra under Manuel Rosenthal, with Jeen 10.00 Morning Sequence: Rimel Korsekov (Suile, Christmas Eve: Scottish National Orchestra uner Neema Järvi); Schubert (String Quartet in D minor, D&10, Desth and the iden: Amadeus Quartet);

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12.00 O Megnum Miraculum: in this seasonal concert, recorded at St John's, Smith Square, the Hilliard Ensemble

performs a repertory of iturgical Christmas music and sorigs from Eastern Europe (r)
1.00pm News
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10.00 Daily Service (LW only) from Tewkesbury Abbay.
Gloucestershire

10.15 Paradise Lost (LW only):
John Million's poem (39/41)

10.30 Silver Minutes: Nicholas Parsons recals 25 years of Just a Minute (1/2) (s) (r)

11.00 News; Gostling on the High Street: Albert Gubay, who invented Kwiksave (r)

11.30 Murder on the Orient Express, by Agains Christie. 5.00 Solit's "Italian": Mendelssohn (Symphony No 4 in A, Italian: Berim Philinamonic Orchestra under Georg Solit)
5.30 Toys and Trinicets: Music by Mozari, Delibes, Offenbech and Kodály, with excepts from Tchelkovsky's The Nutcrecker
6.15 Salint François d'Assissa: Amold Schoenberg Choir of Vienna; Los Angeles Philinamonic Orchestra under Esa Pelka-Salonen perform Scenes 1-3 of Olivier Messisen's opera in a

Scenes 1-3 of Otivier Messiaen's opera in a production by Peter Setters at this year's Salzburg Festival. With José Van Dam as St Francis. Dawn Upshaw as the Angel. Ronald Hamilton as the Laper, Urban Malmberg & Brother Laper, Libran Malmberg & Brother Laper, Libran Malmberg & Brother Laper. Express, by Agains Christia. With John Moffatt as Hercule

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2.00 News; Christmas Spirits: Bithe Spirit, by Noël Coward. With Paul Eddington, Julia McKenzie, Arma Massey and Peggy Mount (s) (r)
3.30 Carry On Up the Zeftgelst: The Goons (r) 4.00 News
4.05 Relative Values: Michael O'Donnell meets Michael the Leper, Urban Marriberg as Brother Leone, John Aler as Brother Matteo, Thomas Young as Brother Elle, Torn Krause as Brother Bernardo, Alos Bantaky as Brother Sylvestro and Reinhard Koller as Brother Rufino. 7.25 Peter Salters albert his as clother talks about his production. 7.35 Scenes 4-6. 9.25 Peter Sellars discusses the Selzburg Festival. 9.35 Scenes 7-8

O'Donnell meets Mick and Val Glazer (s) (r)
4,45 Short Story: The Post Street
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6.30 Knowing Me, Knowing You:
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7.00 News 7.05 The Archera (s)
7.20 Ad Lib: Robert Robinson takes
with a group of barrieles (f)
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Joseph Quartet arranges, rehearses and records a welllanown song (s) (f)

9.45 The Fhrancial World
Tonight: Martin Webber asks if Black Wednesdey could have been avoided (1/2) (s)

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10.00 The World Tonight (s)

10.45 A Book at Beditime: The Doctor's Family, by Margaret Oliphant. Abridged and read by Morag Hood (2/10)

11.00 Stanzat: On Stage

9 CHOICE: An enjoyable session from Bristol with the Liverpool Poets, Roger McGough, Adrian Harni and Brian Pallen, celebrates the bwenly-fifth anniversary of their best-seler, The Mersey Sound. They perform gottlen oldles, including "Love Is..." and including "Love is..." and "Tonight at Noon", with a selection of more recent works, some accompanied by the guitarist Andy Roberts, it is the first of seven programmes

demonstrating how poetry works on stage. The

ingredients of this one include

expressions of comic concern

expressors to contact contains about the rise of postly among leenagers. The Liverpool lade offer plenty of laughter and some sad moments with more to contein fugure performances (s)
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12.30-12.35am News

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Consultants called in for four-month review

British Coal may order heavy management cuts

By Ross Tieman INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Coal has hired consultants to review its management structure with a view to achieving huge cuts in overhead costs.

The review is expected to recommend the closure of some or all of British Coal's five headquarters groups, with widespread job cuts among the corporation's 3,000 noncolliery management staff.

A notice of possible redun-dancies has already been sent to each of the corporation's sites. The warnings are designed to enable British Coal to move fast to implement cuts once the government review of

complete in late January. The removal of the middle management tier between the Hobart House head office in London and the mine managers is the logical consequence of the declining numbers of pits and forceful criticism, both in a report commissioned last year from John T Boyd,

AN IMPENDING change in

European law will enable

public sector workers to win

reciress for any loss suffered as

a result of the government's

policy of contracting out ser-vices, the Trades Union Con-gress believes. The TUC is

setting up a special legal unit

Successful legal action by TUC affiliates could throw the

shift to contracting out into confusion and lead to thou-

sands of back-dated claims. As

last week's High Court judg-

ment on pit closures shows.

unions are becoming more

advanced in their use of the

law to win industrial disputes.

founded upon an expected

amendment to the European

Community Business Trans-

The TUC's optimism is

to advise unions on claims.

British Coal is preparing to move swiftly to cut costs, once the government review of the industry is completed in late January. Cuts could fall heavily among managers

within the corporation, that British Coal has failed to give sufficient freedom to mine

If British Coal is allowed to complete the 31 pit closures, with the loss of 30,000 jobs. announced on October 13, the cost of maintaining some headquarters groups will fall disproportionately on a hand-

The north east region. which now runs five pits, has only one colliery, Ellington, that is a sure survivor of the current review. Vane Tempest has already closed and seems unlikely to reopen, and the future of three other pits is under industry department

The Midland and Wales region is expected to either disappear or be merged with Nottingham, while Selby and

fer Directive. Under this, em-

ployees' rights are protected

change hands. But a revision

to the directive, expected be-fore the European Council next year, would extend the

provisions to public services.

According to the latest draft

of the revisions, the directive

would cover "public undertak-

ings carrying on activities of

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an economic nature".

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TUC sees loophole

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However, Resource Decision Systems, the latest consultant, which is part of the LEK partnership, has been given a free hand to draw up a new management structure that will cover British Coal from coal-face to chairman's office, and which will be sufficiently robust to pilot British Coal through privatisation, should the government ultimately de-

cide to proceed with a sale.
Ray Proctor of LEK said:
"The review is to be a fundamental one. None of the existing organisational divisions are sacrosanct."

Resource Division Systems has been given four months to draw up proposals for a new management structure. The time-frame will allow the consultants to adjust their recommendations to suit the findings of the government's

energy review.

According to a report in Coal UK, the industry newsletter, British Coal is seeking to reduce overheads by half in the next 12 months. Coal UK estimates that at present, overheads amount to 7p per gigajoule of coal mined, or about 4.6 per cent of the price at which the composition has at which the corporation has offered coal to electricity gen-erating companies. Costs have already more than halved since 1987-8.

Bert Wheeler, British Coal's operations director, is reported to have told Coal UK that the corporation aimed to "remove a tier of management", granting collieries more self sufficiency. But the review may result in an increased role for the corporation's operational headquarters, at Eastwood

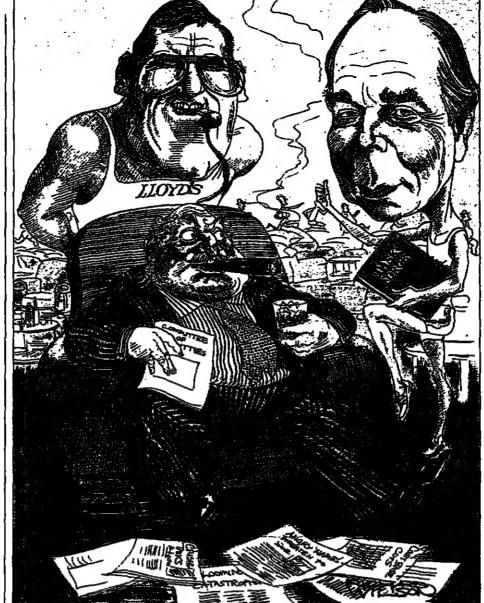
than £250 million a year in legal awards for their mem-Hall, Nottingham. bers, says the first study of The consultants have been union legal services by the asked to advise on bringing TUC. The study, of 28 unions together the production planning of deep-mined coal and representing 89 per cent of TUC membership, showed British Coal's opencast operathat in 1991 they pursued tions. Surface mining. curmore than 150,000 cases and rently running at more than 17 million tonnes of coal a won £250 million damages. vear, will play an increasingly important role in both total

> In addition, the review will seek increased opportunities for out-sourcing of skills and services, and review the functions of the corporation's head office at Hobart House, overlooking the gardens of Buck-

production and coal-blending

as the number of deep mines is

ingham palace in London. Some of the impending middle management job losses are expected to fall within the 30,000 reduction signalled by British Coal in October. Even if the government grants a reprieve to 10 to 15 pits, as now expected, British Coal's manpower is expected to continue to dedine, as a result of efficiency improvements both at regional management level and below ground.



Striving for change: Peter Middleton and David Rowland plan a slimming exercise

Lloyd's top men embark on drive to reduce costs

By SARAH BAGNALL change. But before some of the

difficulties can be overcome,

there are various "housekeep-

ing" issues to be settled. They

include the market's cost base,

its committee structure and

the mass of different computer

systems. Mr Rowland ex-

up first, to create renewed

confidence in the leadership

and management of Lloyd's

market's future profitability.

the first quarter of 1993, there

will be a concentration on the

petitiveness has been emded

as insurance companies have

cut their overheads. The target

is a cut in costs of 30 per cent,

Also at the top of Lloyd's

manifesto for change is the

society's byzantine system of

committees. The idea is to take

knife to most of the 37

"committees" and "commit-

tees of the committees". Mr

Middleton said the majority of

these committees are likely to

go, with members of the newly

established market board tak-

ing responsibility for the

The setting up of the market board, the 18 members of

which meet for the first time

on January 12, is one of the

first steps already taken to-

One problem facing the

market board is to reach an

agreement on systems dev-elopment. The market is very

wards reform.

Mr Rowland says.

plains that these need tidying

DAVID Rowland, who becomes chairman of Lloyd's of London at the start of the new year, and Peter Middleton, the recently arrived chief executive, are preparing to reduce costs at the 300-year-old insurance market by up to 30 per cent and replace its byzantine committee structure. They can derive encourage

ment from evidence that the troubles that have shaken Lloyd's for the past two years may be past their zenith. The flood of names leaving the market is thought to be subsiding and underwriting losses have peaked. The £2.06 billion loss for the 1989 year of account, reported last June, will, with luck, be relegated to the history books. Further losses of £1 billion are expected for 1990, but the hope is that the market will report a return to profitability for the 1992

year of account. Against this background of improving fortunes, Mr Rowland and Mr Middleton are poised to tackle the marker's myriad problems. Among them are easing the plight of names who have made heavy losses, averting costly litigation by disgruntled names. ensuring adequate underwriting capacity, tackling syndi-cates with open years and cutting the market's costs.

Mr Rowland says the complexity of the task is compounded by the fact that all the problems are interlinked. He should know. It was the report of the task force he headed. published almost a year ago, that set the present agenda for fragmented, with Lloyd's underwriters using different systems. The market board also has the difficult task of trying to entice the market to use the new electronic placing system, currently hardly used.

Of equal importance, Mr Rowland stressed, is the treatand future.

"The society hasn't perand enable the market to ceived just how crucial names tackle the real issues, namely are. A culture change is needed in order to ensure that the strategic issues of the everything we do is for the benefit of the names. The Mr Middleton adds that "in interest of names takes precedence and we must very consistently re-emphasise this major elements of the cost base". The market's cost comover the long term," said Mr Rowiand.

To help with the historical problems facing names Mr Middleton has called upon the services of two management

Mercer Consulting is delving deep into the issue of open years, which occur when syndicates are unable to close their accounts because future claims cannot be quantified with certainty.

Another consultancy. LEK, is looking into the thorny and delicate issue of errors and omissions insurance (E&O), which covers managing and members agents against claims for negligence. The issue is taking on increased importance as names on various loss-making syndicates, including Gooda Walker and Feltrim, are gearing up in readiness for a protracted court battle for compensation from their agents.

Japanese trade surplus at \$10.45bn peak and growing

JAPAN's balance of payments current account surphis was up nearly 50 per cent in November on a year earlier and likely to keep widening as long as the economic slowdown

suppresses imports.
The finance ministry said the \$10.45 billion surplus in the current account, the broadest measure of trade in goods and services, was the largest ever for November although still below March 1992's \$13.79 billion record. In Nov-ember 1991 the surplus was \$7.05 billion

We do not see any significant change in the trend in the trade surplus and we see the uptrend continuing as long as the sluggish Japanese econo-my pulls imports down," an economist at Nikko Research Centre said.

Economists agreed the sur-plus would keep widening until Japan's economy recovers and domestic demand and imports pick up. They see that happening in the latter half of 1993 at the earliest.

The government recently revised downwards its estimate of Japan's economic growth for the current fiscal year to 1.6 per cent from its earlier forecast of 3.5 per cent The expansion in the cur-

rent account surplus reflected a jump in both the trade surplus and invisibles (services) surplus, a finance ministry official said. The trade surplus grew to \$9.65 billion in November from \$8.46 billion a year ago, but decreased from \$13.05 billion in October, the ministry said.

Japan exported \$26.49 billion worth of goods in November, up 0.7 per cent from the

same month the year before, while imports totalled \$16.83 billion, down 5.7 per cent from last year.

The November growth in exports was slow because manufacturers were using up this year's export quotas for the US and European markets, the Nikko economist said. "After January 1, they will be allowed fresh quotas so we shall see exports showing a larger in-crease again," he said. Trade in invisibles showed a \$1.15 billion surplus in Nov-

ember for the first time since March, because Japanese banks improved their position by paying less interest abroad while creditor banks received large payments from debtor nations such as Brazil, the ministry official said.

In addition, fewer Japanese travelled abroad, narrowing the deficit in the tourism

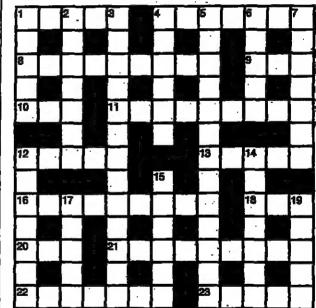
pected to be the target of continuing atacks by countries, especially the US.

Tokyo's once-mighty stock market, plagued by a pro-longed economic slowdown and gloom over the prospects for corporate earnings, looks set to post its lowest annual trading volume for 17 years.

Turnover on the market's first section up to the end of last week amounted to 65.1 billion shares - about a quarter of the 1991 volume and the final figure for this year will likely be the lowest since 1975.

The total value of the shares traded so far was Y59 trillion £310 billion), about half of

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 2982



DOWN

Charges (5)

ACROSS

1 Funny (5) Discarded (7) Train control point (6,3)

Gloom (3) 10 Animal pouch (3) 11 Suppleness (9)

Shop bargains period (5) 13 Exhaust (3,2)

16 Stand for (9) 18 Kitty (3)

20 Beer cask (3) Essential force (4.5) 22 Peaceful, calm (7) 23 Race compenior (5)

SOLUTION TO NO 298i

Discuss (6)
Allowable expense (3,10)
Anchor area (5) Assume disguise (5,2) 12 Prison sentence (7) 14 Utilize (7) 15 Overcome with noise (6) 17 Jury (5) 19 Now (5)

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ACROSS: 1 Stakes 5 Behind 8 Claw 9 Monolith 10 Pad-dle 12 Year 15 Victor Ludgrum 16 Bear 17 Cudgel 19 Ap-titude 21 Boer 22 Expert 23 Negate

DOWN: 2 Talkative 3 Kew 4 Symmetry 5 Bunk 6 Hollywood 7 Not 11 Determine 13 Amusement 14 Luncheon 18 Bust 26 Pyx 21 Bag

The answers to the Jumbo Christmas Concise Crossword appear on page 10. We apologise to readers who expected to see them yesterday.

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This position is a possible conclusion from the game Speelman—Gulko, Foreign & Colonial Hastings Fremier 1989/90. How does white force a quick mate? This year's Hastings tournament features the Hungarian prodigy Judit Polgar. Further details from the British Chess Federation on 0424 442500 (Raymond Keene).

Solution on page 22.

By PHILIP HOWARD

KOTO a. A small arboreal bear b. An Oriental board game c. A Japanese dulcimer **NEVYÁNSKITE** a. A native alloy

a. An Indonesian langue b. Exciamation of grief c. A Jack Russell puppy SEMANTEME

b. Ancient Greek warship c Az Amerindian lingo Авриста оп разе 22

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CNN set for world battle with BBC

CABLE News Network (CNN) is to double its international budget to an estimated \$80 million next year to meet head-on competition from the BBC's new World Service Television (WST).

The US-based 24-hour allnews network - controlled by Turner Broadcasting Sys-tem and headed by Ted Turner, the billionaire and husband of Jane Fonda and WST are expected to battle for dominance of the world-wide television news market for most of the next

WST is said to have grown dramatically since its launch in April 1991 and Chris Irwin, its chief executive, estimates the service is three times stronger than CNN in Asia. commanding viewers in 20 million households. Through satellite foot-prints, the BBC can broad-

cast to 87 per cent of the

globe and will close the

remaining gap by the end of



next year (1993). CNN, based in Atlanta, Georgia, claims a world-wide audience of 54 million. In the US, the four Turner Broadcasting stations, which include the US domestic version of CNN, claim viewers in 60

cent of the market. After years of struggle, Turner Broadcasting is beginning to show a profit and virtual saturation at home,

must come from outside the United States. CNN has been accused of

He plans to cut the amount of US news to 30 per CNN denies its increased budgets are prompted by the

sources put its annual budget this year at \$40 million,

to \$80 million next year, the **BBC** will attempt to compete with just a quarter of the

Neither service is believed

to be making a profit, but Turner Broadcasting is growing deep pockets. Wall Street estimates that it will triple earnings and double its asset base to \$11 billion over the next three years.

Turner: reaching out

million homes — 94-97 per which means expansion

being too US-biased to attract world viewers at any time other than in world crises. In an interview, Mr Turner said: "We are reaching out to internationalise this network as aggressively as we know how."

cent and regionalise the content of the remainder. success of the BBC's competition. Mr Peter Vesey, vicepresident said: "We're not doing it in response to any particular competition," and says the money will be used to strengthen its coverage and audience for international news. The US broadcaster refuses to disclose budgets, but independent television

financing 19 international The BBC's WST is said to be operating 100 of its own staff on half that figure. With a CNN budget doubled

money. WST's Mr Irwin said: The BBC has been in the business of international broadcasting for 60 years. It has a very good brand